

Nov 23, 1948-

The meeting was held at the Duck Creek school with ~~nine~~ members and three lawyers present - Mr Lamb of Lane & Waterman was also present by request in order to discuss the problem of annexation to Bettendorf. The meeting was called to order by the President at 8 o'clock P.M.

It was moved & seconded that Mrs Crissey be made secretary - motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Lane and Waterman be engaged to defend the district against annexation by the city of Bettendorf, with the provision that the committee in charge be absolved from any financial responsibility ^{with the exception} ~~in the case beyond that of paying their own individual pledges, if said members engage Lane and Waterman - beyond that of being responsible for his own pledge.~~

Signed

Genevieve Crissey (Sec)

See letters from Lane & Waterman in back of book.

Committee members.

Mr Welch Chairman

Mr Mohr Treasurer

Mrs Crissey Secretary

Mr Fosdick

Mr Snyder.

Mr Greenwood

Mr Wolkend

Mr Whitman

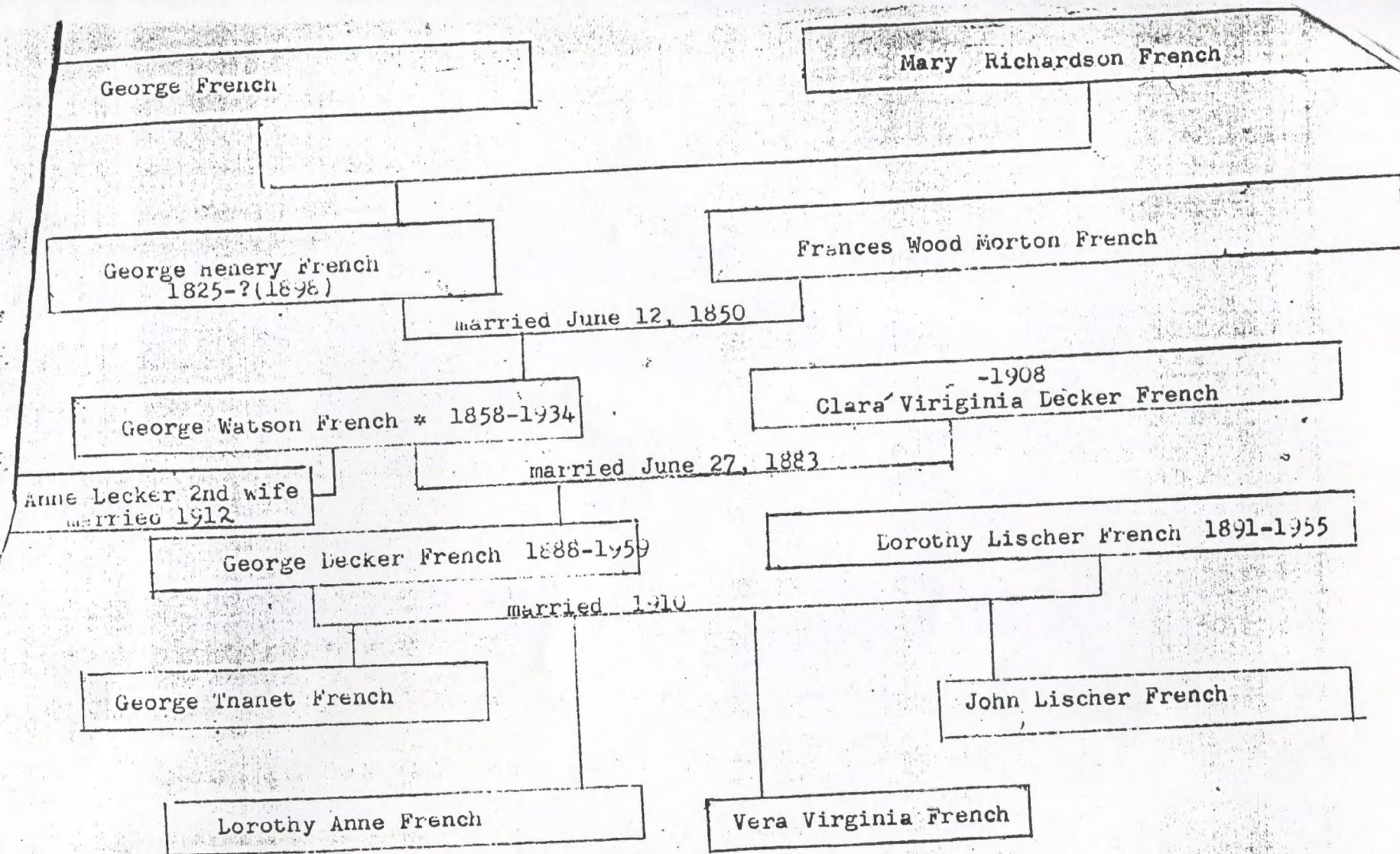
THE LOCAL STORY OF THE FRENCH
FAMILY AND ESTATES

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FRENCH FAMILY TREE

* After the death of Clara in 1908
G.W. married Anna Decker, sister
of Clara. 1912

Family History

One of Davenport's leading citizens was born in Davenport, Iowa on October 26, 1858. His parents, George Henery and Frances Wood Morton French, came West and settled in Davenport about 1850. Frances Morton was the daughter of the governor of Massachusetts. The French's chose the name of George Watson for their son. It was a name that was to become famous not only in this part of the country but through out the entire United States. George Watson recieved his early education in the Davenport School system. When he was ready to enter the ninth grade his parents sent him to the Phillips Academy in Andover Massachusetts, a school founded by one of his ancestors and attended by his grandfather and father.

Upon returning to Davenport he went to work in his father's farm implement store. George Watson entered the Iowa National Guard, where he recieved the title of colonel.

In 1890 Colonel French and two other men from the area founded the Bettendorf Wheel company. The company made railroad wheels and had an authorized capital of one million dollars. The other two incorporators were W. M. Bettendorf and Nathaniel French. The company made its offices at River Drive and Third Street, were they soon started work on the factory that would occupy the next block. In July, 1909, the above company became the French and Hecht Company, manufacturing the same items as before. G. W. became president of the new company. This company is now known as French and Hecht Division of Kelsey and Hayes Company.

In 1880 G. W. met the daughter of another leading Davenport industrial leader and a long time family friend. On June 27, 1883 George Watson French and Clara Virginia Lecker were married in Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Davenport, Iowa. The new Mr. and Mrs. French led no quiet life. It seems like it was all one big party. The entertaining was very formal and very gay. The Frenchs played a key note in the founding of St. Luke's School of Nursing. Clara served as President of the Board of Managers of St. Luke's School for eight years. A few years before the Colonel died he had given to the hospital a beautifully equipped nurse's home, which is now called French Hall. (also designed by HVDS)

The Colonel loved sports and this can be seen when one looks at the clubs that he belonged to. He enjoyed most hunting and fishing and traveled all over the United States to enjoy these sports. The French family were members of many country and sporting clubs in all parts of North America. Such clubs as the Wisconsin Fishing Club, the St. Bernard Fish and Game Club of Canada and country clubs in Chicago, California, and Rock Island were the Colonel's favorite spots.

While Mr. French enjoyed his sports, Mrs. French enjoyed the busy social life of a wealthy Davenport resident. She occupied her time with such community organizations as the Art League, the Iowa Historical Society and the Chicago Club. Both Mr. and Mrs. French were members of the Academy of Science.

On March 3, 1888 the only child to be born to G.W. and Clara arrived. He was named George Lecker French, George for his father and Lecker for his mother's maiden name. He started his schooling in the Davenport system, but like his grandfather and father he

later transferred to the Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. The Colonel had visions of his son going on to college and becoming a highly educated man, but Decker had ideas of his own. After graduating from the academy Lecker was to stay in the East and go on to college, but he surprised his parents by coming back to Davenport and starting to work in his father's shop. Lecker then founded the Central Engineering Company and became it's president.

Lecker married Dorothy Lischer in 1910. They had four children. Dorothy French died in 1955 from injuries she recieved in an auto accident on December 3, 1955. George Lecker French died in 1959.

Meanwhile, Colonel French was very active in State politics. Although he never ran for an office of any kind he was one of Iowa's leading Republicans. he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1896, the year that McKinley was nominated by the Republican party.

1908 brought the death of the Colonel's wife Clara, from a ruptured appendix. Her death was taken very hard by G.W. and he lead a very quiet life for about two years.

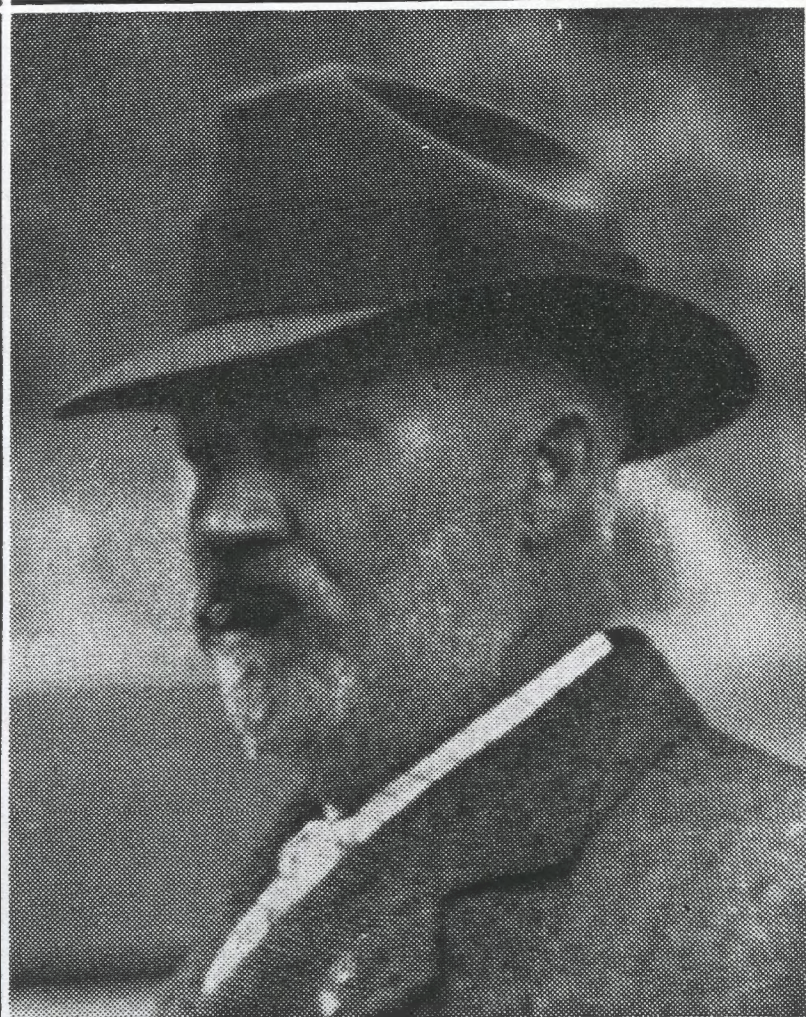
In 1910 the Colonel decided that he should build a new home and move out of the home in the city that had so many memories of his late wife. After a long search he chose a spot that, in that day, was way out in the country away from all the noise of the city. He purchased about 300 acres of land east of Bettendorf. After his wife's death he had gained a new interest, that of farming and raising dairy cattle.

Colonel French moved into his new home in 1912. He gave the name of Iowana Farms to his new property. At about this time he started courting the younger sister of his first wife. Her name was Anne

Decker and in 1912 they were married. A very active social life was resumed by the Colonel and his second wife, with more home entertainment and less membership in social clubs and organizations.

During the First World War, Colonel French was a member of the Iowa State Council of Defense. From 1912 until his death Colonel French was better known for his model farm, Iowana Farm, than for anything else.

On November 28, 1934 Mr. French had spent the afternoon talking with Harry Dayton Sickles of Chicago, a dealer in rare books. The Colonel was interested in books on Abraham Lincoln. He was preparing to leave Mr. Sickles room at the Blackhawk Hotel when he was stricken with a heart attack. The men in the room thought that he had just fainted. But efforts to revive him did not work and he was pronounced dead by Dr. Rendleman.



Colonel G. Watson French
1858-1934

His brilliant, far-sighted leadership in development of the Iowana Herd and in Breed affairs have earned for him a lasting place in the history of the Holstein breed. He pioneered 3X records and normal conditions in herd testing.





AIR VIEW OF MAIN RESIDENCE AND FARM BUILDINGS

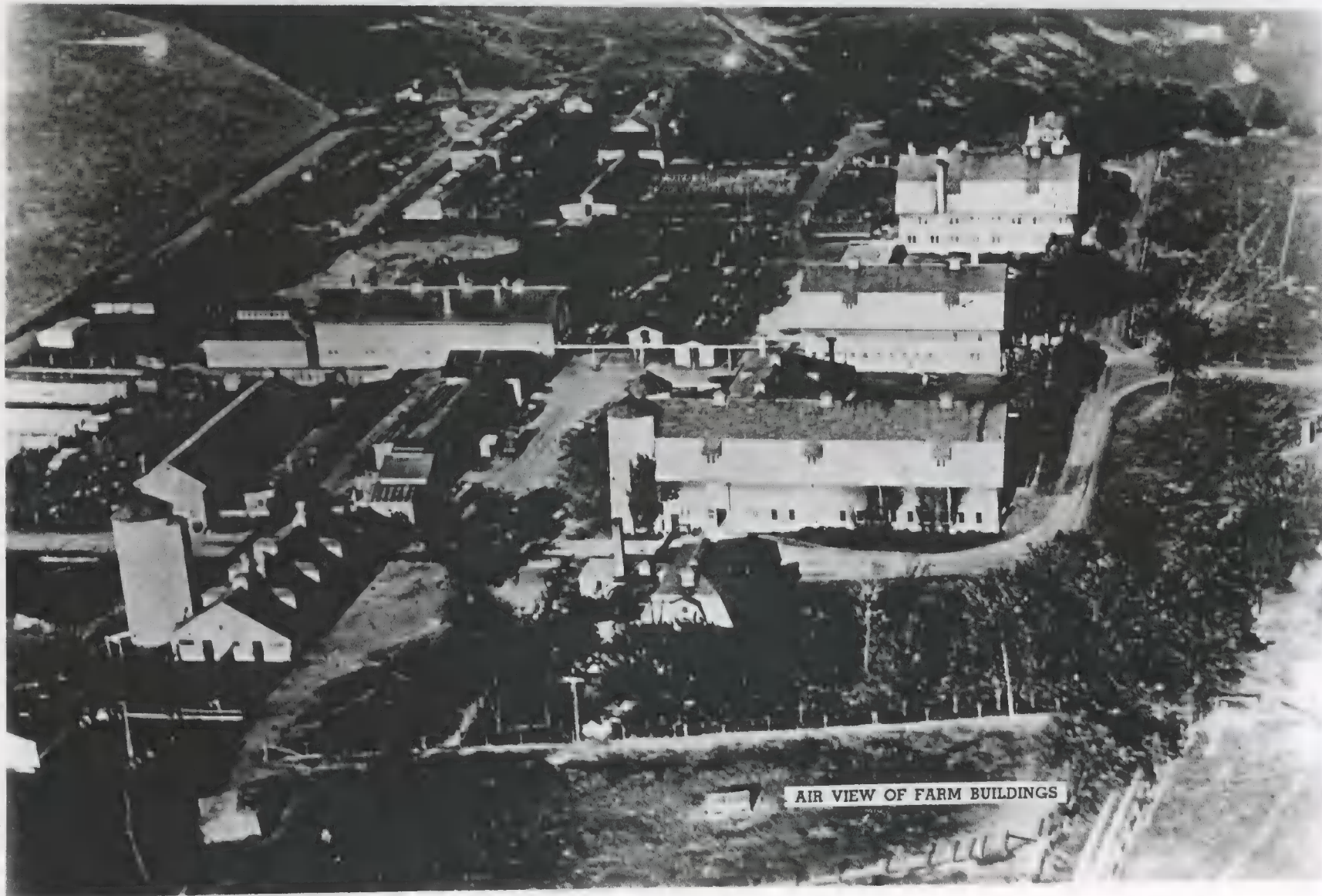
ARIEL VIEWS OF IOWANA FARMS

STARTED BY COLONEL GEORGE W. FRENCH IN 1912. THE FARM CONSISTED OF 14 BUILDINGS – 2 DAIRY BARNS, A TWO-STORY GARAGE AND MACHINE SHED, HORSE BARN, A SALES PAVILION, WAGON AND IMPLEMENT BUILDING, A CALF BARN, CHICKEN HOUSE, HOG HOUSE, 2 FRAME BARNS, CREAMERY BUILDING, AND A 1 ½ STORY OFFICE BUILDING. THE BUILDINGS COST IN EXCESS OF \$300,000.00 TO BUILD.

THE IOWANA HERD OF HOLSTEINS WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST OUTSTANDING IN THE UNITED STATES. AT ITS PEAK OF OPERATION, THE HERD NUMBERED 120 ANIMALS.

IOWANA FRAM PIONEERED THE CLASS B AND CLASS C RECORDS. THE FARM OPERATED AS A UNIT FOR 30 YEARS, OR UNTIL 1942. NOVEL FEATURES OF THE FARM: ALL LIGHT AND TELEPHONE WIRES WERE RUN UNDERGROUND, THE DAIRY BARNS HAD RADIANT HEAT, PIPES FROM THE FURNACE THAT FURNISHED STEAM FOR THE MANSION, AND OTHER BUILDINGS, WERE LAID IN THE FLOOR OF THE DAIRY BARNS. THE FARM LAYOUT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BEST IN THIS SECTION OF THE COUNTRY.

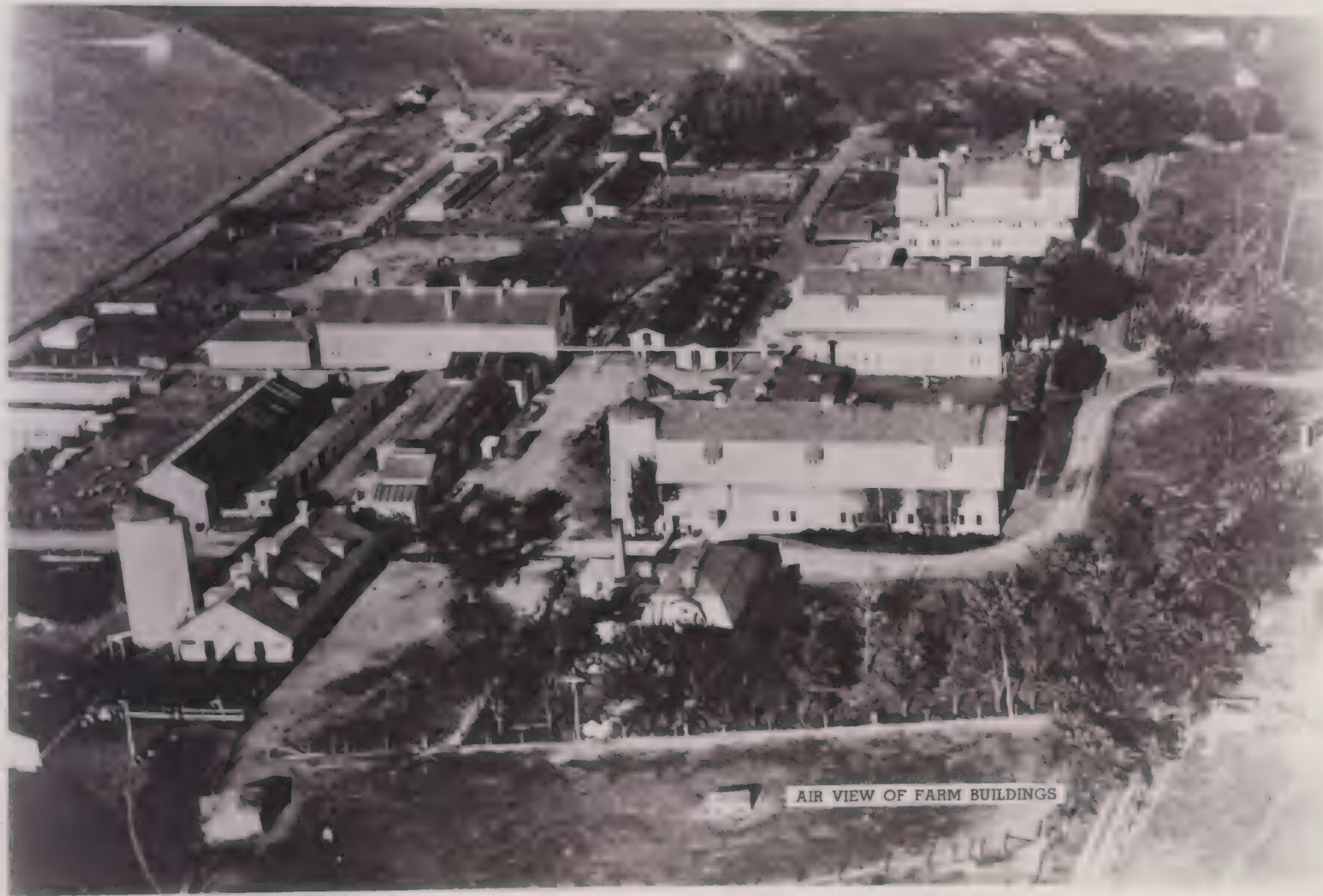
A WRECKING CREW ERASED THE LAST TRACE OF IOWANA FARM IN JULY OR AUGUST OF 1957.



AIR VIEW OF FARM BUILDINGS



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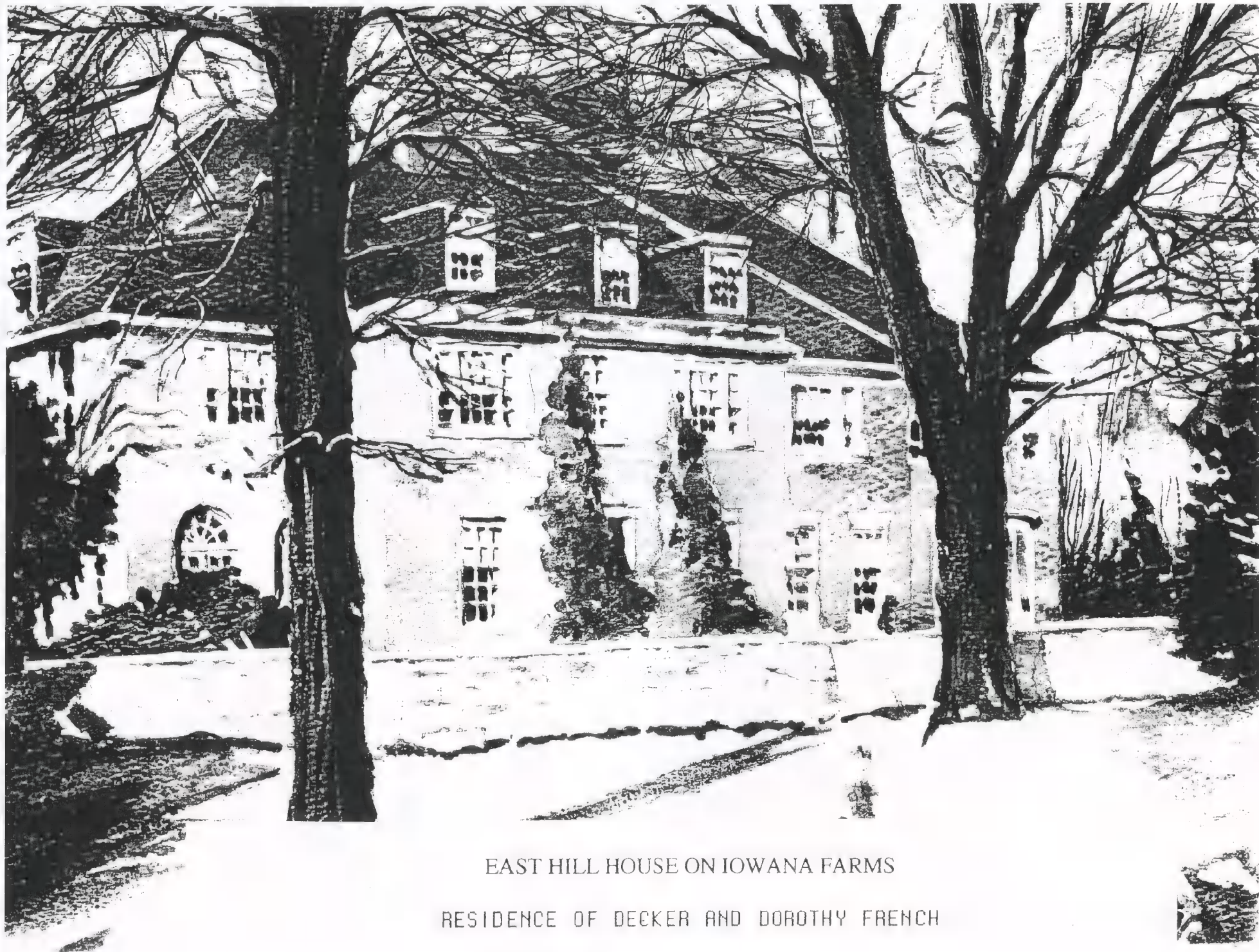
WEST HILL HOUSE

WEST HILL HOUSE WAS THE HOME OF GEORGE AND ANNA FRENCH, FOUNDER OF IOWANA FARMS. THE MANSION WAS BUILT IN 1920. IT HAD 20 ROOMS.

THE INTERIOR OF THE MANSION INCLUDED FRENCH DOORS, MARBLE FLOORS, SILVER CHANDELIER, WALNUT PANELED WALLS, AND A 3 INCH THICK SLAB OF CONCRETE SEPARATING THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS.

ALCOA PURCHASED THE HOME IN 1950. SIX YEARS LATER THEY HIRED A WRECKING CREW TO RAZE THE MANSION. BEFORE RAZING, SALVAGEABLE ITEMS WERE SOLD OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. RAZING BEGAN THE BEGINNING OF MAY 1956, AND TOOK ONE MONTH.

THE MANSION OCCUPIED THE SITE NOW USED BY THE HOMES AT 151, 152, AND 163 ELMHURST LANE.



EAST HILL HOUSE ON IOWANA FARMS

RESIDENCE OF DECKER AND DOROTHY FRENCH

EAST HILL HOUSE

NAMED FOR ITS LOCATION TO HIS FATHER'S HOME, WEST HILL HOUSE.

CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON THE HOME IN 1925. AND WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1926. THE HOUSE HAS 26 ROOMS AND SEVEN BATHS. IT WAS THE HOME OF GEORGE DECKER FRENCH AND HIS WIFE, DOROTHY. THEY LIVED IN THE HOUSE UNTIL 1951. IN ITS DAY, THE HOUSE HAD A TENNIS COURT, GREEN HOUSE AND FISH POND. IT HOSTED MANY GAY EVENING PARTIES.

AFTER GEORGE AND HIS WIFE MOVED, THE HOUSE WAS EMPTY FOR TWO YEARS. THEN TURNED INTO A REST HOME - RIVERDALE LODGE. SINCE THAT TIME, THE HOUSE HAS HAD SEVERAL OWNERS SOME THAT TOOK CARE OF IT WHILE OTHERS LET IT WANTING.

THE HOME IS NOW OWNED BY TIM AND CAROLINE BAWDEN. SINCE THEY TOOK OVER OWNERSHIP IN 1995, THEY HAVE RESTORED THE HOME AND ON NOVEMBER 22, 1999, EAST HILL HOUSE AND CARRIAGE HOUSE WERE LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

CRISSEY HOUSE

OLDEST REMAINING BUILDING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. BUILT IN THE 1840'S IT WAS ORIGINALLY OWNED BY CHRISTOPHER ROWE. IN 1900 J.R. NUTTING OWNED THE HOME FOR ROUGHLY 40 YEARS. LATER MR AND MRS JOHN CRISSEY OWNED THE HOME UNTIL THEY SOLD IT TO ALCOA IN 1967. IN 1967, THE TIMES FEATURED THE HOUSE IN AN ARTICLE CALLING IT THEN - THE OLD ROCK PLACE. IT IS SAID TO BE THE FIRST HOUSE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TO HAVE CENTRAL HEATING.

THE HOUSE IS CONSTRUCTED OUT OF "MARL STONE". IT WAS WALLS THAT ARE 21" THICK ON THE LOWER LEVEL AND 16" THICK IN THE ATTIC AREA. IT HAS EIGHT ROOMS WITH EIGHT-FOOT WIDE HALL WAYS, FULL BASEMENT, AND A GLEAMING WALNUT STAIRCASE.

IN ADDITION TO THE OWNERS MENTIONED, THE HOME WAS ALSO OWNED BY A CEMENT COMPANY AND MR AND MRS BROWN. FOR HOW LONG AND WHEN THESE TWO PARTIES OWNED THE HOME IS UNCLEAR.

THE ORIGINAL BUILDER AND EXACTLY WHEN IT WAS BUILT REMAIN A MYSTERY. IT IS LISTED ON THE HISTORICAL RECORDS.





This is the old school house that John Welsh went to school at, located where Boyler's Ornamental Iron, Inc., is today. The school house was back further than where Boyler's sits now. John's father was president of the school board. The balance on hand for the year of 1901 was \$409.00. Teachers were paid \$25.00 a month and \$2.00 a month was paid to have the school house cleaned.

Board Meeting

Nov 22, 1911

A meeting of the Board was held at 8 P.M., on November 22nd at the Duck Creek School. Mr. Walsh, the President, called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the question of Bettendorfs' intention to annex this area, and to begin action.

After a discussion of the problems of the various groups involved, a motion was made by Mr. Hempel and seconded by Mr. Fordick that the legal firm of Kane & Waterman be contacted to find out whether that firm will accept the case; and that Kane & Waterman send a representative to a meeting on the following evening -

A motion was made to adjourn -

Signed

Gertrude Cressy, Secretary
Pro Tem.

Meeting Held. evening of
Dec 7, 1948. 8 PM

Seven members of Committee present.

The contract letter & supplement letter from
Lane & Waterman was read and approved.

The motion suggestion of Mr. ^{Phelps} ~~Land~~ which consisted
of the following was put to the Committee:

That the committee engage the services of Mr. Phelps
to get up a plat along with a list of the property
holders along with their 1948 tax assessment property
value so that the board would know how much
to ask each property owner to pledge. Mr. Phelps
agrees to take his fee from the pool.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Greenwood.

This motion was unanimously accepted.

Sept 22, 1949.

Meeting was called to order by The President
at 7:30 - P.M.

The business concerned the authorization of
retaining Mr. McCarthy as an attorney for the
defense

Be it resolved that Mr. McCarthy be retained
as counsel ~~for~~ on a per diem basis to protect
the interests of the defendants whose interests
appear to differ from those of the main body
of defendants, and to assist Lane & Watsonman in
the general defense of the action; with the further
provision that otherwise Mr. McCarthy's employment
be on the same basis as that of Lane & Watsonman.

Respectfully submitted.
Rebecca Curry Sec.

Talk by Mr. McCarthy explained purpose of meeting -
1,301⁰⁰ collected -
132 - no of people pledged ~~amount~~

Mr. Lamb - Explains ^{extent of} Area Beltendorf expects
to annex -

Sept. 9, 1949 -

meeting of Committee

10 present with
Mr. Lamb of R. & W.
" Waterman

Discussion -

List of Property owners with assessed
value of property owned.

Mr. Lamb read the form of pledge to
be signed by property owners.

Mr. Lamb suggested that we ^{urge} get Mr. Phelps
to get the records from courthouse.

Mr. Snyder suggested that the territory be
divided into sections and that each member
of the board be responsible for collecting
pledges in that area -

Delande tax 86 mls.

Duck Creek 26 "

~~List~~

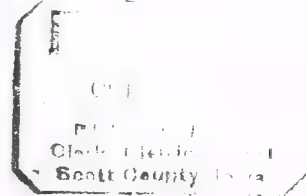
~~Mr. Snyder & Siebel - 28th to 30th Sts. to B Line Road.
Mr. Make - from Duck Creek to River.
Mr. Make - Around Green house
Welsh & Crissey -
Skona - 1~~

1. Thos J. Wohlevent } Dugglesby area.
Bob Dungan }
2. Everett Fosdyck Fenns Rd. Area.
3. Crissey }
Welsh } Center Area.
4. E. B. Snyder - B. Line Rd & E. of Duck
Hugo Siebel Creek & S. of Highway 67.
5. Cha Skona. W. Side of Duck Creek
& S. of Highway 67
6. Anthony Make. Green house district

Oct 4, 1950

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN AND FOR SCOTT COUNTY



IN THE MATTER OF THE)
INCORPORATION OF THE)
TOWN OF RIVERDALE)

NO. 37238
P E T I T I O N

Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa 1950 Code,
Sections 362.1 through 362.6, the undersigned petitioners
assert:

1. That they are qualified electors of the territory
described in Exhibit "A" which is attached to and hereby
is made part of this petition and also are inhabitants of
the said territory; that the said territory is not embraced
within the limits of any city or town; that they desire
to incorporate the said territory as a town; that proof of
the residence and of the qualification of petitioners as
electors in said territory is made by affidavit which is
attached hereto, is marked Exhibit "B" and hereby is made
part hereof.

2. That the territory or area proposed to be embraced
in such town is described in Exhibit "A" which is hereto
attached and hereby is made part hereof.

3. That an accurate plat of the territory or real
estate described in Exhibit "A" is attached hereto, marked
Exhibit "C" and hereby is made part hereof.

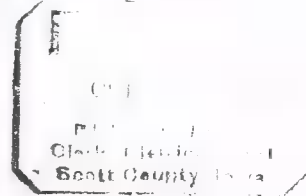
4. That the name proposed for such town is

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EXHIBIT "B"

VERIFICATION AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA)
SCOTT COUNTY) SS:

The undersigned, being severally sworn, each states that he or she is one of the signers of the Petition of Intervention to which this affidavit is attached; that said Petition of Intervention relates to the proposed incorporation of the Town of Riverdale in Pleasant Valley Township, Scott County, Iowa; that he or she is a duly qualified elector residing within the limits of the area proposed to be so incorporated and described in petition filed on October 4, 1950; that he or she has read or has heard read the Petition of Intervention and that the statements and allegations therein contained are true; that each of the undersigned freely and voluntarily signed said Petition of Intervention.

Mrs. Beverly Neely

William B. Van Arnam

Allen M. Neely, Jr.

Buehlah Van Arnam

Grace Rose

Beatrice Ohlrogge

Paul W. Ohlrogge

Rose Stannard

Ruth Johnson

Otis Johnson

Marilyn Hobert

Mrs. Geraldine R. Hoffman

Elfrida Watkins - Mrs. Leonard Watkins

Edwin R. Chandler

Eather A. Chandler

Earl L. Rose

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Mr. Beauford L. Curtis

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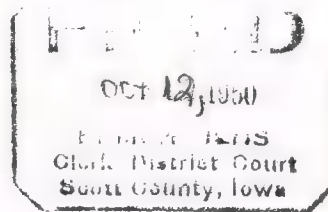
Mr. Robert D. Tucker

Mr. Ivan V. Fahy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of October, 1950.

James J. Lamb

Notary Public



IN THE MATTER OF THE)
INCORPORATION OF THE)
TOWN OF RIVERDALE)

NO. 37238

PETITION OF INTERVENTION

TO THE COURT:

1. The undersigned assert they are qualified electors in the territory described in the Petition filed in this proceeding on October 4, 1950 and also are inhabitants of the said territory; that said territory is not embraced within the limits of any city or town; that they are interested in the subject matter of this proceeding and desire to incorporate the said territory as the Town of Riverdale; that proof of their residence and of their qualification as electors in said territory is made by affidavit which is marked Exhibit "B", is attached hereto and hereby is made part hereof.

2. That they hereby intervene in this proceeding by joining with original petitioners in all of the allegations made in the petition and by joining also in the prayer of said petition.

Beverly Neely	Otis Johnson
Grace Rose	Marilyn Robert
Allen N. Neely, Jr.	Geraldine R. Hoffman
Beatrice Ohlrogge	Mrs. Leonard Watkins
Paul W. Ohlrogge	Erwin Hoffman
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Mr. Ivan V. Fahy

William B. Van Arnam

Buelah Van Arnam

Lane & Waterman
Attorneys at Law
717 Davenport Bank Building
Davenport, Iowa.

A meeting was held on Mon. Oct. 16, 1950
the Duck Creek School with about 60
present.

The meeting was called to order by
Mr. Albert Welch and in the absence
of Mrs. Crissey, Mrs. Walter Bell was
appointed secretary for the evening.

Attorney Lamb addressed the group
first, bringing them all up to date on
the annexation proceedings. He stated
that the judge had ruled that Bettendorf
had no jurisdiction over the people outside
the city limits. He further stated
that Alcoa is still opposed to the
annexation and will resist Bettendorf.
He then informed the group that on
Oct. 3 & 11 the people in the area around
Alcoa petitioned to incorporate and that it
was taken up with Judge Newport.
Five commissioners had been appointed namely:
Mr. Welch, Mr. Crissey, Mr. Blair, Mr. Shunk,
and Mr. Seibel and an election would be
held on Nov. 4 which has been duly
publicized.

Mr. Washburne then took the floor
and outlined the area to be included
in the town to be known as "Riverdale".
He said the area had to be small to be
compatible for a town.

Mr. Martin McCarthy (attorney for area
just east of Beth.) asked why those people
weren't consulted and informed of the
move to incorporate.

Mr. Washburne replied that it had to be
a quick move because of Bellenday's action.

Mrs. Murphy (East of Duck Creek but not included
in Riverdale) asked why just three families
East of Duck Creek were left out.

Mr. Washburne replied that the line of the
town followed the Duck Creek School Dist.
line.

Mr. Klabunde (one of 3 families left out) said
he had also supposed they were in
the Duck Creek School Dist.

Mr. Washburne explained that the line
was that furnished them by the County
and that the school board were in
the process of having it re-surveyed.
at the present time and if there
was a change in the school line, there
would also be a change in the town line.

Mr. Skorne (west of Duck Creek) asked what
assurance they would give him that
it wouldn't be raised + why weren't

Mr. Washburne replied that there is never any guarantee of taxes, but that they had been ^{still} joined together to fight the annexation.

Mr. Skarna then said they might as well go with Bettendorf.

Mr. Washburne replied that Bettendorf would be bankrupt if they had to envelop the area East of Bett. but stated that he was sure Bett would not want any of the area. if it couldn't have the main prize "Alcoa". However, he stated again that Alcoa would stick until the annexation is defeated. but not if a new movement in that direction started 5-10 or 20 years from now. He stated again that Alcoa never made a commitment to anyone.

He further stated that the ^{new} value of the area between Bett + "Rivendale" was not enough to add two rooms to the Bett. high school.

Mr. Murphy - "Can we ^{who are} first on the other side of the town of Rivendale get fire protection etc. & why was it impossible to use the whole area?"

Mr. Washburne stated that the same sort of agreement about fire protection which now

exists with Bett would be possible.
The smaller area around Alcoa was
chosen because they have common
interests where people can get together &
develop it.

Mr. McCarthy: "What % of outland area
(Riversdale) is owned by Alcoa?"

Mr. Washburne: "About 50%" - whole area
will cover about 2 to 2 1/2 sq. miles.

Mr. Hill (Deerli Glen Road) said he had
been called to attend the meeting & also
informed that they were included, but
that he had found out since that they
weren't.

Mr. Skarna - "Why not take Riverside Power
Plant into the town?"

Mr. Washburne - "They didn't want to get
involved."

Mr. Adkins (West of Duck Creek) said they
had them in a squeeze between Bett &
Riversdale & wasn't it true that it was
because they were in a different school
district.

Mr. Washburne said the annexation would
never have changed the school district
and not to confuse the two.

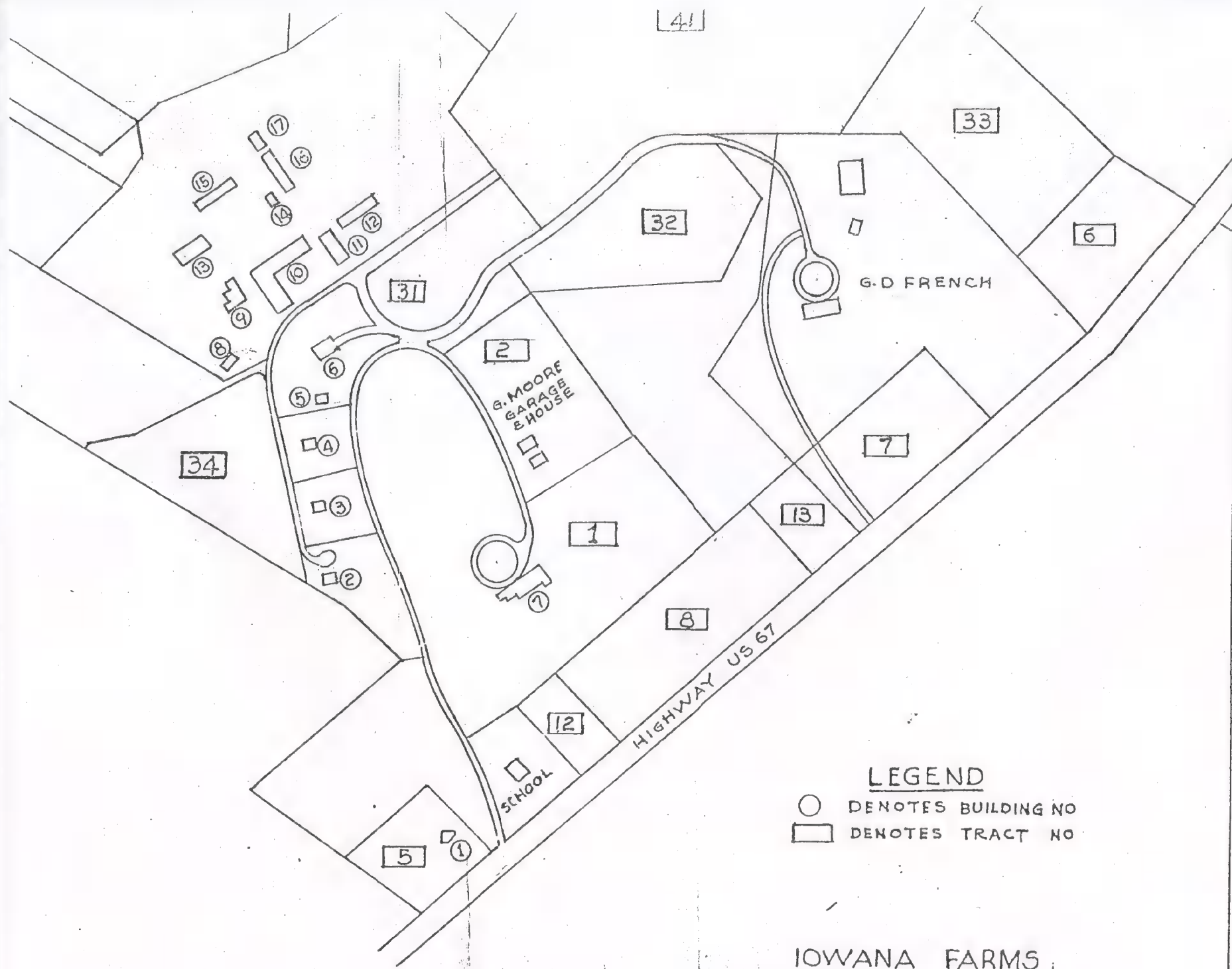
r. Hill said that Bett was surveying his property to put in a storm sewer.

Mr. Petersen said he was from the "no-man's land" and wanted to know if Alcoa would still stick by them even tho he loan was formed.

Mrs. Murphy asked again, "Where do we live?"

The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Lelah Bell, Sec. pro tem

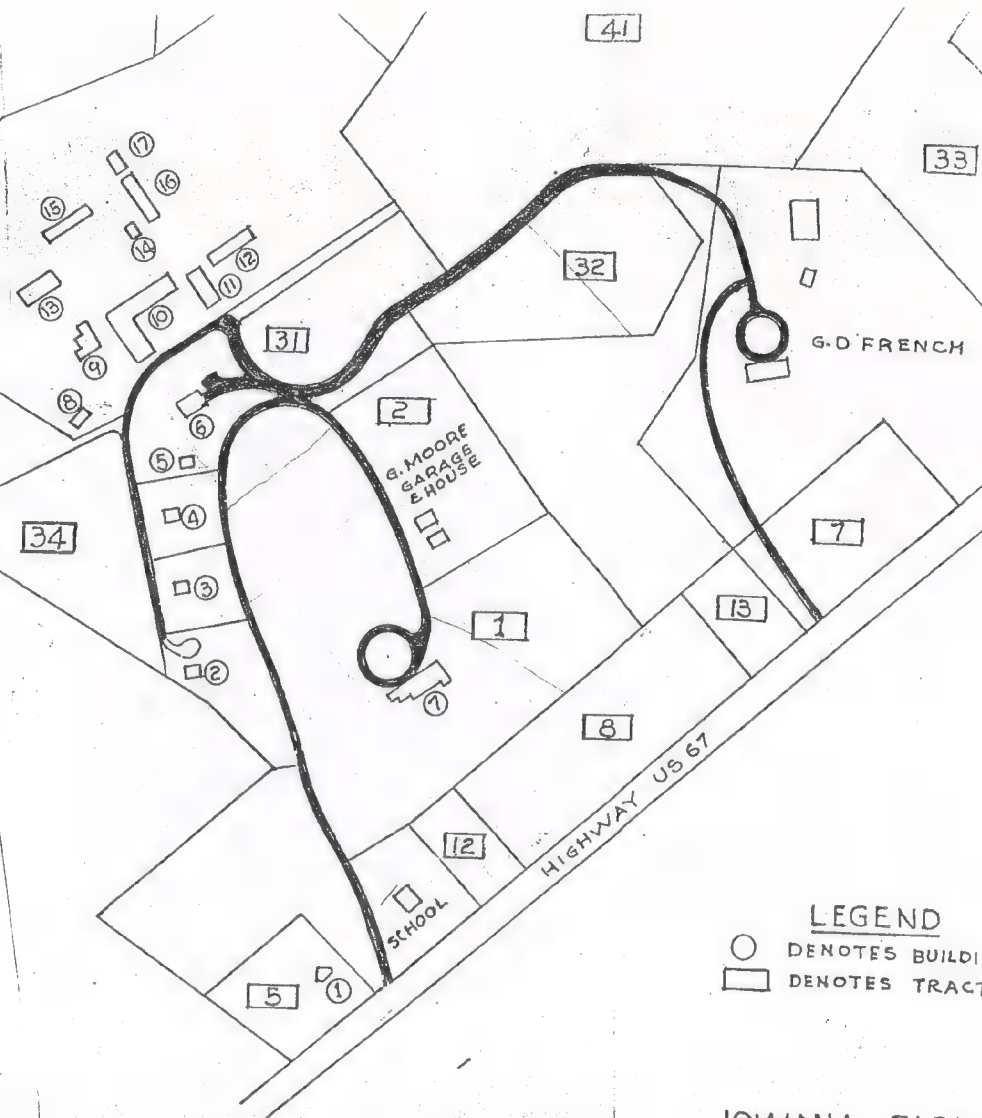


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○ DENOTES BUILDING NO
□ DENOTES TRACT NO

IOWANA FARMS :
BUILDING LOCATIONS

KEY

- 2-5
- 6 garage
- 7 main house
- 9 creamery
- 10 dairy barn
- 11 horse barn
- 13 calf barn
- 14 corn crib
- 15 root barn
- 16 dry barn
- 17 sales barn



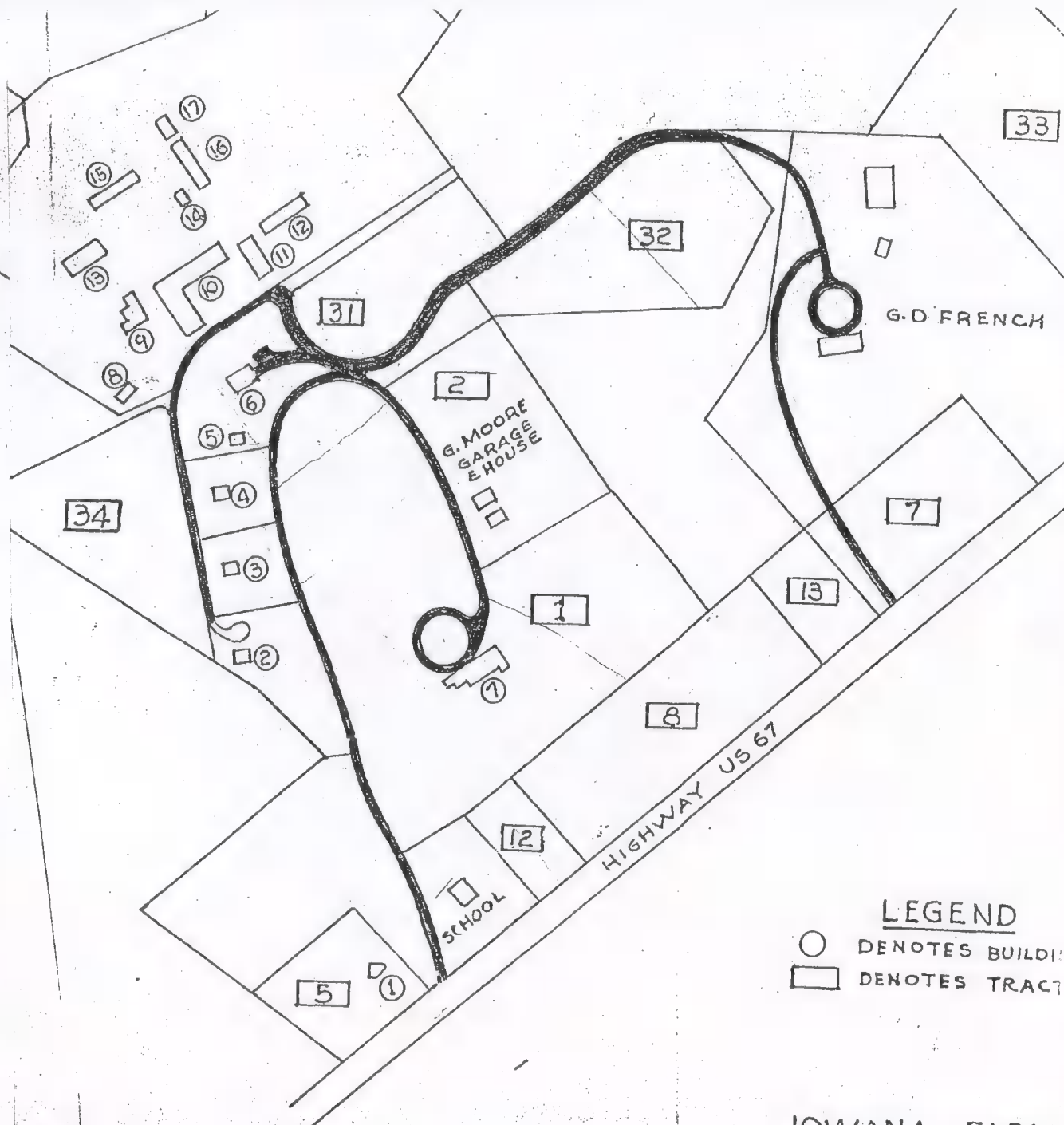
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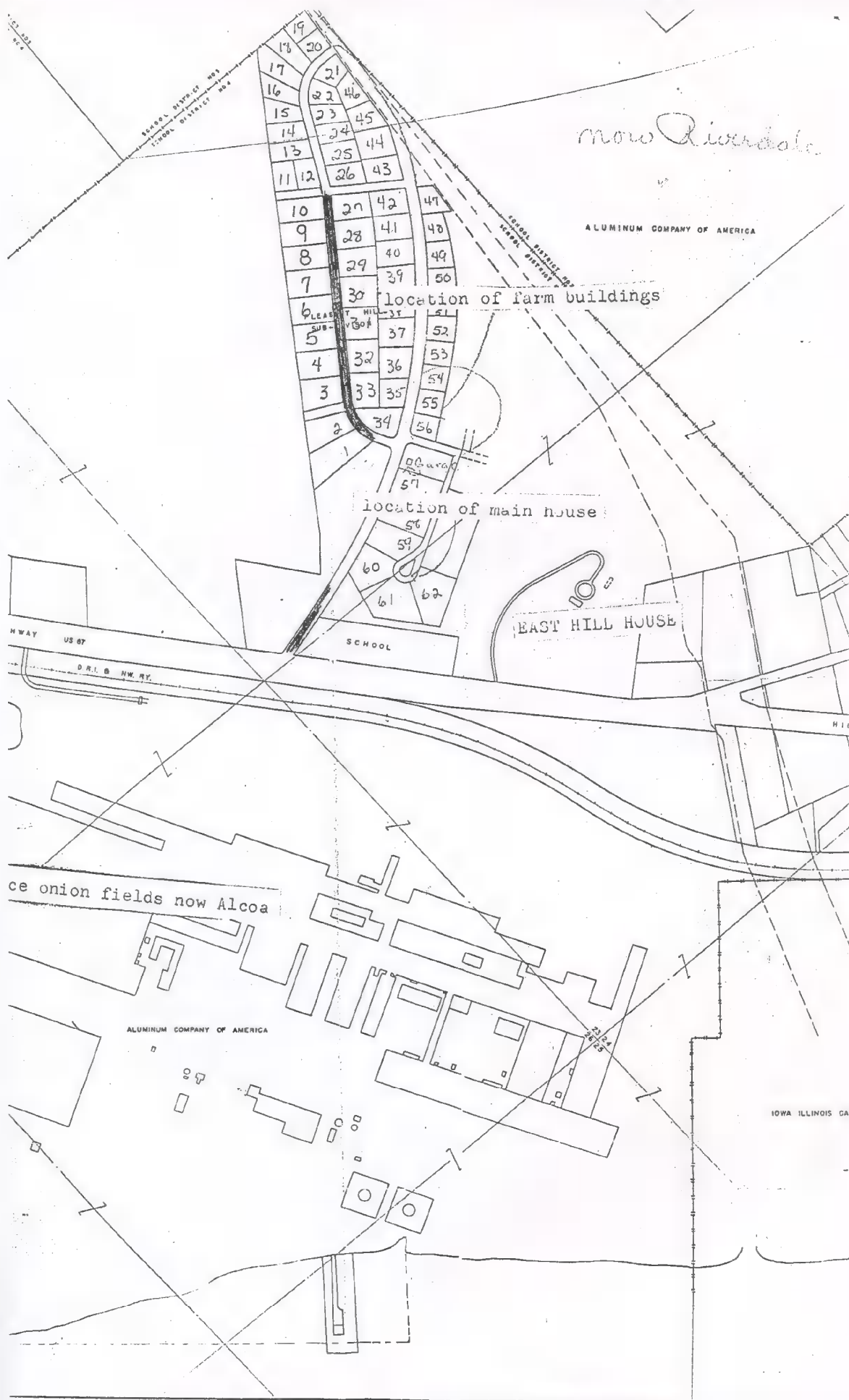
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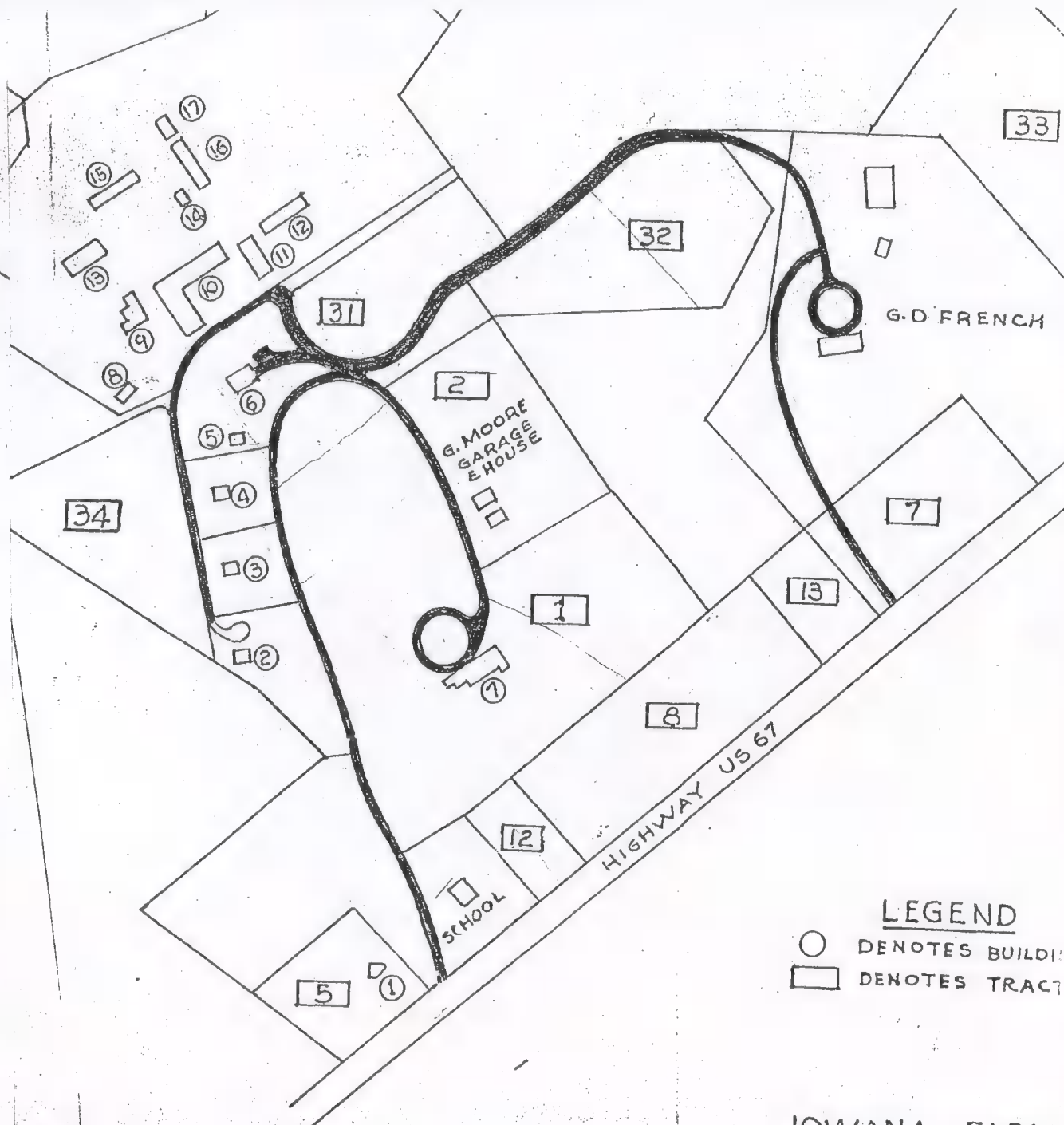
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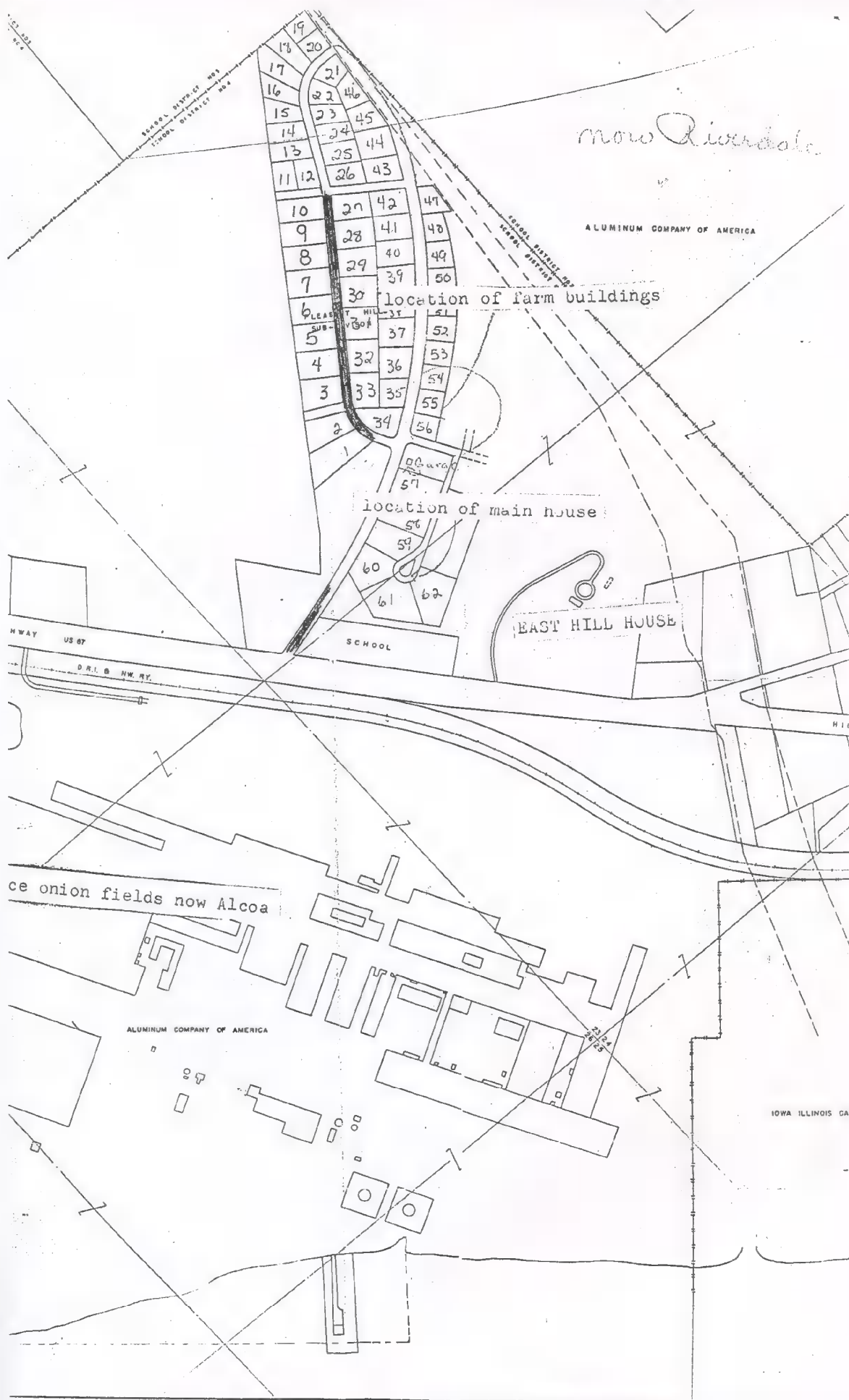
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- 11 horse barn
- 13 calf barn
- 14 corn crib
- 15 root barn
- 16 dry barn
- 17 sales barn



LEGEND

- DENOTES BUILDING
- DENOTES TRACT

IOWANA FARM
BUILDING LOCATIONS



Oct 4, 1950

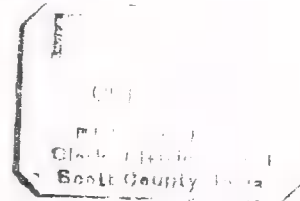
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IN THE MATTER OF THE)
INCORPORATION OF THE)
TOWN OF RIVERDALE)

No. 37238

P E T I T I O N



Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa 1950 Code,
Sections 362.1 through 362.6, the undersigned petitioners
assert:

1. That they are qualified electors of the territory
described in Exhibit "A" which is attached to and hereby
is made part of this petition and also are inhabitants of
the said territory; that the said territory is not embraced
within the limits of any city or town; that they desire
to incorporate the said territory as a town; that proof of
the residence and of the qualification of petitioners as
electors in said territory is made by affidavit which is
attached hereto, is marked Exhibit "B" and hereby is made
part hereof.

2. That the territory or area proposed to be embraced
in such town is described in Exhibit "A" which is hereto
attached and hereby is made part hereof.

3. That an accurate plat of the territory or real
estate described in Exhibit "A" is attached hereto, marked
Exhibit "C" and hereby is made part hereof.

4. That the name proposed for such town is

RIVERDALE

now Riverdale

ALUMINUM COMPANY OF AMERICA

location of farm buildings

location of main house

EAST HILL HOUSE

SCHOOL

ce onion fields now Alcoa

ALUMINUM COMPANY OF AMERICA

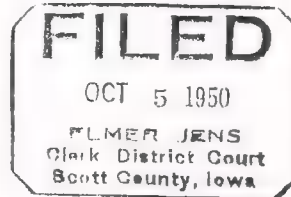
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OATH OF COMMISSIONERS



STATE OF IOWA)
SCOTT COUNTY) SS:

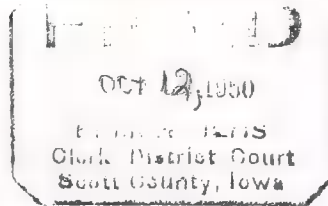
We, and each of us, do solemnly swear that we will well and truly and without partiality or prejudice and according to law and to the best of our ability, perform our duties as Commissioners as required by the laws of the State of Iowa, all in connection with the election for incorporation of the proposed Town of Riverdale.

/s/ Hugh R. Seibel
Hugh R. Seibel
/s/ John C. Crissey
John C. Crissey
/s/ Clyde E. Shenk
Clyde E. Shenk

/s/ Sam Blair
Sam Blair
/s/ Albert J. Welch
Albert J. Welch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day
of October, 1950.

(Notarial Seal)
James J. Lamb
Notary Public in and for Scott
County in the State of Iowa



IN THE MATTER OF THE)
 INCORPORATION OF THE)
 TOWN OF RIVERDALE)

NO. 3723d

PETITION OF INTERVENTION

TO THE COURT:

1. The undersigned assert they are qualified electors in the territory described in the Petition filed in this proceeding on October 4, 1950 and also are inhabitants of the said territory; that said territory is not embraced within the limits of any city or town; that they are interested in the subject matter of this proceeding and desire to incorporate the said territory as the Town of Riverdale; that proof of their residence and of their qualification as electors in said territory is made by affidavit which is marked Exhibit "B", is attached hereto and hereby is made part hereof.

2. That they hereby intervene in this proceeding by joining with original petitioners in all of the allegations made in the petition and by joining also in the prayer of said petition.

Beverly Neely	Otis Johnson
Grace Rose	Marilyn Hobart
Allen N. Neely, Jr.	Geraldine R. Hoffman
Beatrice Ohlrogge	Mrs. Leonard Watkins
Paul W. Ohlrogge	Erwin Hoffman
Rose Stannard	Edwin R. Chandler
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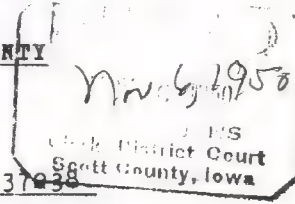
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REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS



Come now the undersigned, Commissioners heretofore appointed by the Court and authorized to conduct an election on the question of the incorporation of the proposed Town of Riverdale in Pleasant Valley Township in Scott County in the State of Iowa, and make this report .

That after being appointed they took and filed written oath to perform their duties according to law and an appropriate commission was issued to them by the Clerk of the Scott County Iowa District Court; that they designated November 4, 1950 as the date and Duck Creek School of Rural Independent School District No. 4, Township of Pleasant Valley in Scott County in the State of Iowa as the place for holding an election for the qualified electors of the territory proposed to be embraced in the said Town of Riverdale to vote by printed ballot on the question - "Shall the proposition for incorporation be adopted?"; that they caused written notice of said election to be posted on October 11, 1950 in three public places within the limits of the proposed Town of Riverdale and also caused said notice of election to be published on October 11, 1950, on October 18, 1950 and on October 25, 1950 in The

...~~the~~ Democrat and Leader, both of which are newspapers of general circulation printed and published in the City of Davenport in Scott County in the State of Iowa; that proof of such posting and of such publication of said notice of election was filed in this proceeding on October 27, 1950 in the office of the Clerk of the Scott County Iowa District Court.

That they caused to be printed on yellow colored paper and used at said election, an Official Absent Voter's Ballot for use of absent or disabled electors and also caused to be printed on yellow colored paper and used at said election an Official Ballot for use of the electors who voted in person; that one of the unused Official Absent Voter's Ballots is attached hereto, marked Exhibit 1 and hereby made part hereof; that one of the unused Official Ballots is attached hereto, marked Exhibit 2 and hereby made part hereof.

That Commissioners Hugh R. Seibel, Sam Blair and Albert J. Welch, after qualifying as required by law, acted as judges of said election; that Commissioners John C. Crissey and Clyde E. Shenk, after qualifying as required by law, acted as Clerks of said election.

That at the said aforementioned election held on November 4, 1950 there were cast by the qualified electors of the territory proposed to be embraced in the said Town of Riverdale, 119 votes. Of the said votes cast, 112 voted "Yes" in favor of the incorporation of the Town of Riverdale and 3 voted "No" against the incorporation of the Town of Riverdale; that 4 ballots were spoiled;

Books kept by the clerk of said election; that the said Poll Books and also the ballots cast at said election are filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for Scott County; that a majority of the said votes cast at said election were in favor of the incorporation of the proposed Town of Riverdale; that the said election was held and conducted in all respects according to law and to the order of this Court.

WHEREFORE the undersigned Commissioners ask the Court for an order, as follows:

- (a) Approving this report; and
- (b) Confirming and approving the aforesaid election held November 4, 1950 and the result thereof; and
- (c) Ordering the election of a Mayor, Treasurer and five (5) Councilmen for the proposed Town of Riverdale; and
- (d) Ordering these Commissioners to conduct such election for municipal officers and report the results thereof to the Court, all pursuant to the provisions of Iowa 1950 Code, Sections 362.7 and 362.5.

Hugh R. Seibel

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John C. Crissey

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Clyde E. Shenk

Clyde E. Shenk

Sam Blair

Sam Blair

Albert J. Welch

Albert J. Welch

STATE OF IOWA)
) SS:
SCOTT COUNTY)

We, Hugh R. Seibel, John C. Crissey, Clyde E. Shenk, Sam Blair and Albert J. Welch, being severally sworn, on oath state that we executed the foregoing Report of Commissioners; that we have read or heard read the said Report and that the statements and allegations therein contained are true and correct ■■ we verily believe.

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ELMER JENS
Clerk District Court
Scott County, Iowa

On this 27th day of December, 1950, it being
a regular judicial day of the November A. D. 1950 term
of the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for
Scott County, there came before the Court for hearing the
Report of Hugh R. Seibel, John C. Crissey, Clyde E. Shenk,
Sam Blair and Albert J. Welch, the duly qualified and
acting Commissioners heretofore appointed by this Court
and authorized to conduct an election of a Mayor, a
Treasurer and five Councilmen all of the Town of Riverdale.
The area or territory which is incorporated as the Town
of Riverdale is described as follows, to-wit:

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all in Township 78 North, Range 4 East of
the Fifth Principal Meridian in Pleasant Valley
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Lane & Waterman of Davenport, Iowa appeared as attorneys for the said Commissioners.

The Court examined the said report filed December 27th, 1950 and also examined the notice of election which election was held December 23, 1950 and also examined the proof of posting of notice of said election and the proof of publication of notice of said election all of which proofs heretofore were filed in the office of the Clerk

of the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for Scott County. The Court is satisfied and hereby determines that it has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this hearing and of all interested persons.

Thereupon the hearing proceeded and after listening to the showings made and after being fully advised in the premises the Court finds that the said report should be approved and the prayer thereof should be granted.

The Court further finds that after designating December 23, 1950 as the date and Duck Creek School of Rural Independent School District No. 4, Township of Pleasant Valley in Scott County in the State of Iowa as the polling place, the said Commissioners held an election for qualified electors of the territory proposed to be embraced in the said Town of Riverdale to vote by printed ballot for officers of the Town of Riverdale. The Court further finds that the said Commissioners caused to be printed on white colored paper and used at the said election an official absent voter's ballot for use of absent or disabled electors and also caused to be printed on white colored paper and used at said election an official ballot for use of electors who voted in person.

The Court further finds that at the said election on December 23, 1950 there were cast by qualified electors of the territory embraced in the said Town of Riverdale, 78 votes. That of the votes cast 3 ballots were spoiled and no ballots were disputed. That at said election the persons elected by a majority of the votes cast for the respective offices

and the number of votes received by each such person for the office for which he ran was as follows:

John C. Crissey	-- For Mayor,	75 votes
Herman Tushaus	-- For Treasurer,	75 votes
Hugh R. Seibel	-- For Councilman,	73 votes
Clyde E. Shenk	-- For Councilman,	74 votes
Sam Blair	-- For Councilman,	74 votes
Albert J. Welch	-- For Councilman,	74 votes
W. Irvin Graham	-- For Councilman,	75 votes

The Court further finds that a record of the vote and of the election of December 23, 1950 was made in Poll Books kept by the Clerks of said election; that the said Poll Books and also the ballots cast at said election were filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for Scott County and that a canvass of said ballots was made by the said Commissioners acting as Judges and Clerks at said election. The Court further finds that all proceedings in this matter were conducted in accordance with provisions of law and orders of this Court.

The Court finds further that in this incorporation proceeding on October 23, 1950, the City of Bettendorf, a municipal corporation, and Louis J. Klise, its Mayor, filed a Petition of Intervention and also a Motion for Order to Suspend Further Proceedings in this matter, and that on December 1, 1950 the attorneys for intervenors, City of Bettendorf and its Mayor, asked leave of Court

the extended Northerly line of Fenno Road, as now established; thence South 63 degrees 50 minutes East on the Northerly line of Fenno Road, as now established, to the point where the Northerly line of Fenno Road intersects the Easterly right of way line of Davenport, Rock Island and North Western Railway Company; thence South 40 degrees 57 minutes West a distance of 1477.5 feet, more or less, to a point, which point is North 40 degrees 57 minutes East a distance of 1857.9 feet from the point of beginning of the real estate conveyed to Aluminum Company of America by Louis Howell and wife by deed recorded in Scott County Iowa records, in Book 87 of Land Deeds commencing on page 14; thence South 49 degrees 03 minutes East 857.38 feet; thence South 41 degrees 03 minutes West 150 feet; thence South 49 degrees 03 minutes East to the Easterly boundary line of the State of Iowa; thence Southwesterly on the Easterly boundary line of the State of Iowa to the point where said Easterly boundary line of the State of Iowa intersects the West line of Section 35, Township 78 North, Range 4 East of the Fifth Principal Meridian; thence North on the West line of Sections 35 and 26, township and range aforesaid, to the Westerly line of United States Highway No. 67 (also sometimes called Davenport-LeClaire Road) as now established; thence Northeasterly on the Westerly line of United States Highway No. 67, as now established, to a point, which point is South 39 degrees 17 minutes East a distance of 875.5 feet, more or less, from a point in the West line of Section 26, township and range aforesaid, which last mentioned point is 938 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section 26; thence North 39 degrees 17 minutes West to the West line of said Section 26; thence North 938 feet on the West line of Section 26 to the place of beginning, all bearings being referred to true North.

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and

(b) That the area located in Pleasant Valley Township in Scott County in the State of Iowa, hereinbefore specifically described, hereby is adjudged and declared duly incorporated under the name Town of Riverdale;
and

(c) That there hereby is taxed to the City of Bettendorf, a municipal corporation, the costs connected with the filing and withdrawal in this proceeding by the said City of Bettendorf and its Mayor of Petition of Intervention and Motion to Suspend, the amount of \$13.00; that the other costs of this proceeding, including the cost of publishing notice of elections held respectively on November 4, 1950 and December 23, 1950 and the fees of Judges and Clerks of such elections and the costs of printing the ballots and obtaining poll books and other supplies for such elections and the cost of recording a transcript of this proceeding in the office of the Recorder of Scott County, Iowa and of making a complete record of this proceeding in the office of the Clerk of the Scott County Iowa District Court, shall be paid by said Town of Riverdale and hereby are taxed against the said Town of Riverdale in the amount of \$ 54.19 ; and

(d) That the penal amount of the bond of the Mayor of the Town of Riverdale hereby is fixed at \$500.00 and the penal amount of the bond of the Treasurer of the Town of Riverdale hereby is fixed at \$5,000.00, such amounts to remain in force and effect until such time or times as the said penal amounts are changed by Town ordinances or otherwise, and the premiums on each of said bonds shall be paid from revenues of the Town of Riverdale.


JUDGE

In the Matter of
the Incorporation

INCORPORATION

of

Filed Dec. 27, 1950
Rec'd "Y" Inc. Rec. 1

The Town of Riverdale.

Copy of Proceedings in the District Court,
Scott County, Iowa, Cause No. 37238.

December 27, 1950

Order of Court entered, decreeing that the area located in Pleasant Valley Township, Scott County, Iowa, and described as follows, is adjudged and declared duly incorporated under the name Town of Riverdale:

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N O T I C E

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A CAUCUS
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LOCATED IN PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP IN SCOTT COUNTY,
IOWA.

THE CAUCUS WILL BE HELD AT DUCK CREEK SCHOOL
OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 4 OF PLEASANT
VALLEY TOWNSHIP ON MONDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 11, 1950,
COMMENCING AT 7:30 O'CLOCK. QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF
THE AREA SOUGHT TO BE INCORPORATED ARE INVITED AND
UPGED TO ATTEND THE CAUCUS.

DATED - DECEMBER 6, 1950.

Clyde E. Shenk

CLYDE E. SHENK

CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSIONERS
APPOINTED TO CONDUCT ELECTION
OF OFFICERS OF TOWN OF RIVERDALE

BE IT RESOLVED by the qualified electors of the territory located in Pleasant Valley Township in Scott County in the State of Iowa sought to be incorporated as the Town of Riverdale, in caucus assembled within the limits of said territory on December 11th, 1950, that there now hereby is formed a political organization which is not a political party as defined by the laws of the State of Iowa, and that the name or title of said organization shall be "Independent"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there hereby are nominated as candidates of said Independent organization for the offices, respectively, of Mayor, Treasurer and five Councilmen of the said Town of Riverdale, to be voted on at the election to be held December 23, 1950, the following persons, to-wit:

Office for which nominated	Name of Candidate nominated	Place of residence of nominee
Mayor	John C. Crissey	R.R. #1, Bettendorf, Iowa
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Executive Committee of said Independent organization hereby is created, consisting of three members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Executive Committee of said Independent organization shall be the following:

Name	Address
A. C. Everson	R. R. #1, Bettendorf, Iowa
E. R. Townsley	R. R. #1, Bettendorf, Iowa
W. I. Donaldson	R. R. #1, Bettendorf, Iowa
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of said Independent organization hereby is authorized to fill any vacancies in the above mentioned nominations.

At Caucus held in Buck Creek School in Pleasant Valley Township Scott County Iowa on December 11, 1950 The above resolutions were adopted unanimously.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Election of Officers of
Town of Riverdale
IN SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA

Polling Place
Duck Creek School in Pleasant Valley Twp.
Election Saturday, December 23, 1950

Hugh R. Seibel
John C. Crissey
Clyde E. Shenk
Sam Blair
Albert J. Welch

COMMISSIONERS



INDEPENDENT

For Mayor

☐ JOHN C. CRISSEY

For Treasurer

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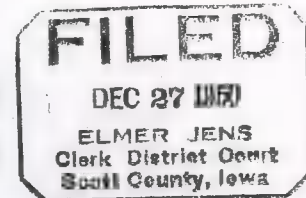
☐ W. IRVIN GRAHAM

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Lane & Waterman of Davenport, Iowa appeared as attorneys for the said Commissioners.

The Court examined the said report filed December 27th, 1950 and also examined the notice of election which election was held December 23, 1950 and also examined the proof of posting of notice of said election and the proof of publication of notice of said election all of which proofs heretofore were filed in the office of the Clerk

of the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for Scott County. The Court is satisfied and hereby determines that it has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this hearing and of all interested persons.

Thereupon the hearing proceeded and after listening to the showings made and after being fully advised in the premises the Court finds that the said report should be approved and the prayer thereof should be granted.

The Court further finds that after designating December 23, 1950 as the date and Duck Creek School of Rural Independent School District No. 4, Township of Pleasant Valley in Scott County in the State of Iowa as the polling place, the said Commissioners held an election for qualified electors of the territory proposed to be embraced in the said Town of Riverdale to vote by printed ballot for officers of the Town of Riverdale. The Court further finds that the said Commissioners caused to be printed on white colored paper and used at the said election an official absent voter's ballot for use of absent or disabled electors and also caused to be printed on white colored paper and used at said election an official ballot for use of electors who voted in person.

The Court further finds that at the said election on December 23, 1950 there were cast by qualified electors of the territory embraced in the said Town of Riverdale, 78 votes. That of the votes cast 3 ballots were spoiled and no ballots were disputed. That at said election the persons elected by a majority of the votes cast for the respective offices

and the number of votes received by each such person for the office for which he ran was as follows:

John C. Crissey	-- For Mayor,	75 votes
Herman Tushaus	-- For Treasurer,	75 votes
Hugh R. Seibel	-- For Councilman,	73 votes
Clyde E. Shenk	-- For Councilman,	74 votes
Sam Blair	-- For Councilman,	74 votes
Albert J. Welch	-- For Councilman,	74 votes
W. Irvin Graham	-- For Councilman,	75 votes

The Court further finds that a record of the vote and of the election of December 23, 1950 was made in Poll Books kept by the Clerks of said election; that the said Poll Books and also the ballots cast at said election are filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for Scott County and that a canvass of said ballots was made by the said Commissioners acting as Judges and Clerks at said election. The Court further finds that all proceedings in this matter were conducted in accordance with provisions of law and orders of this Court.

The Court finds further that in this incorporation proceeding on October 23, 1950, the City of Bettendorf, a municipal corporation, and Louis J. Klise, its Mayor, filed a Petition of Intervention and also a Motion for Order to Suspend Further Proceedings in this matter, and that on December 1, 1950 the attorneys for intervenors, City of Bettendorf and its Mayor, asked leave of Court

to withdraw the said Petition of Intervention and also asked leave to withdraw the said Motion for Order to Suspend Further Proceedings in this matter. On December 1, 1950 the Court granted to the City of Bettendorf and its Mayor leave to withdraw said Petition of Intervention and Motion for Order to Suspend Further Proceedings and that the said Petition of Intervention and Motion for Order to Suspend Further Proceedings in this matter were withdrawn on December 1, 1950 by the City of Bettendorf and its Mayor.

The Court further finds that costs connected with the said intervention and withdrawal of the Petition of Intervention by the City of Bettendorf and its Mayor should be taxed to the City of Bettendorf; that other costs in this proceeding, including costs of publishing notice of the election held November 4, 1950 and also the election held December 23, 1950 and the fees of Judges and Clerks of such elections and the printing of ballots and the obtaining of Poll Books and other supplies for said elections and also the costs of recording a transcript of this proceeding in the office of the Scott County Iowa Recorder and of making a complete record of this proceeding in the office of the Clerk of the Scott County Iowa District Court, should be paid by the Town of Riverdale.

WHEREFORE, by the Court, it hereby is ORDERED,
ADJUDGED and DECREED:

(a) That the Report of Commissioners on the election of Town officers held December 23, 1950 hereby is confirmed and approved and the said election hereby is confirmed and approved and the following persons hereby are declared elected as the first officers of the said Town of Riverdale, to-wit:

the extended Northerly line of Fenno Road, as now established; thence South 63 degrees 50 minutes East on the Northerly line of Fenno Road, as now established, to the point where the Northerly line of Fenno Road intersects the Easterly right of way line of Davenport, Rock Island and North Western Railway Company; thence South 40 degrees 57 minutes West a distance of 1477.5 feet, more or less, to a point, which point is North 40 degrees 57 minutes East a distance of 1857.9 feet from the point of beginning of the real estate conveyed to Aluminum Company of America by Louis Howell and wife by deed recorded in Scott County Iowa records, in Book 67 of Land Deeds commencing on page 14; thence South 49 degrees 03 minutes East 857.38 feet; thence South 41 degrees 03 minutes West 150 feet; thence South 49 degrees 03 minutes East to the Easterly boundary line of the State of Iowa; thence Southwesterly on the Easterly boundary line of the State of Iowa to the point where said Easterly boundary line of the State of Iowa intersects the West line of Section 35, Township 78 North, Range 4 East of the Fifth Principal Meridian; thence North on the West line of Sections 35 and 26, township and range aforesaid, to the Westerly line of United States Highway No. 67 (also sometimes called Davenport-LeClaire Road) as now established; thence Northeasterly on the Westerly line of United States Highway No. 67, as now established, to a point, which point is South 39 degrees 17 minutes East a distance of 875.5 feet, more or less, from a point in the West line of Section 26, township and range aforesaid, which last mentioned point is 938 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section 26; thence North 39 degrees 17 minutes West to the West line of said Section 26; thence North 938 feet on the West line of Section 26 to the place of beginning, all bearings being referred to true North.

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In the Matter of
the Incorporation

INCORPORATION

of

Filed Dec. 27, 1950
Rec'd "Y" Inc. Rec. 1

The Town of Riverdale.

Copy of Proceedings in the District Court,
Scott County, Iowa, Cause No. 37238.

December 27, 1950

Order of Court entered, decreeing that the area located in Pleasant Valley Township, Scott County, Iowa, and described as follows, is adjudged and declared duly incorporated under the name Town of Riverdale:

"Part of Sections 23, 24, 25, 26 and 35, all in Township 78 North, Range 4 East of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Pleasant Valley Township in Scott County in the State of Iowa, more particularly described as - Beginning at the common corner of Sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, Township 78 North, Range 4 East of the Fifth Principal Meridian; thence running North on the West line of Section 23, township and range aforesaid, to the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 23; thence East on the center line of said Section 23 to the point where said center line intersects the Westerly line of United States Highway 67 (also sometimes called Davenport-LeClaire Road) as said road now is located; thence Northerly on the Westerly line of United States Highway 67, as now established, 120.91 feet, more or less, to the point where the Westerly line of said highway intersects the extended Northerly line of Fenne Road, as now established; thence South 63° 50' East on the Northerly line of Fenne Road, as now established, to the point where the Northerly line of Fenne Road intersects the Easterly right of way line of Davenport, Reck Island and North Western Railway Company; thence South 40° 57' West a distance of 1477.5 feet, more or less, to a point, which point is North 40° 57' East a distance of 1857.9 feet from the point of beginning of the real estate conveyed to Aluminum Company of America by Louis Howell and wife by deed recorded in Scott County Iowa records in Book 87 of Land Deeds commencing on page 14; thence South 49° 03' East 857.38 feet; thence South 41° 03' West 150 feet; thence South 49° 03' East to the Easterly boundary line of the State of Iowa; thence Southwesterly on the Easterly boundary line of the State of Iowa to the point where said Easterly boundary line of the State of Iowa intersects the West line of Section 35, Township 78 North, Range 4 East of the Fifth Principal Meridian; thence North on the West line of Sections 35 and 26, township and range aforesaid, to the Westerly line of United States Highway No. 67 (also sometimes called Davenport-LeClaire Road) as now established; thence Northeasterly on the Westerly line of United States Highway No. 67, as now established, to a point, which point is South 39° 17' East a distance of 875.5 feet, more or less, from a point in the West line of Section 26, township and range aforesaid, which last mentioned point is 938 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section 26; thence North 39° 17' West to the West line of said Section 26; thence North 938 feet on the West line of Section 26 to the place of beginning, all bearings being referred to true North."

*RIVERDALE, IOWA — FIRST TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 2, 1951*



W. IRVIN GRAHAM - MAYOR JOHN C. CRISSEY - CLYDE E. SHENK - SAM BLAIR - ALBERT J. WELCH - HUGH R. SEIBEL

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SEAL FOR THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE,
IOWA, AND DEFINING ITS USES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE,
IOWA:

Section 1. Seal and Custody. The Council shall provide a seal in the center of which there shall be the words "Riverdale, Iowa" and around the margin the words "Town Seal", and the same is hereby declared to be the Town Seal of the Town of Riverdale, Iowa. The mayor shall keep the Town Seal in his charge.

Section 2. Use. The Town Seal shall be attached to all warrants drawn on the Treasurer and to all transcripts, orders or certificates or other instruments which it may be necessary or proper to authenticate.

Passed and approved this 2nd day of January
1951.

S/ John C. Crissey

Mayor

ATTEST:

S/ Sam Blair
Town Clerk Pro Tem.

Published in The Daily Times
January 4, 1951





RESIDENTS OF RIVERDALE

There will be a meeting on Monday, January 22, 1951, at 7:30 PM at Duck Creek School to organize a volunteer Fire Department. All residents who are interested in forming a first-class volunteer Fire Department are urged to attend. For those who are unable to attend, another meeting will be held January 23, 1951 at 1:30 PM at the Garage located near the top of the hill on the Iowa Farms.

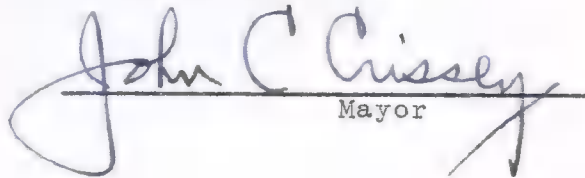
Please attend one of the meetings.

J.J. QUINN, FIRE CHIEF

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Riverdale, Iowa, assembled in special meeting this 14th day of November, 1951, that the Mayor of the Town of Riverdale, Iowa be and he hereby is authorized to prosecute an appeal on behalf of and in the name of said Town from any adverse ruling or judgment of the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for Scott County in the quo warranto proceedings in Cause No. 37427 in said court; that the Mayor be and he hereby is further authorized to take such steps in the name of the Town of Riverdale as shall be necessary to preserve and maintain the status quo of said town, as an actively functioning municipality, pending the determination and final ruling on said appeal; and that the Mayor be and he hereby is further authorized to continue the employment of Lane & Waterman as legal counsel on behalf of the Town of Riverdale for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution and such legal counsel are hereby expressly authorized to do any and all things which they deem advisable to effectuate said appeal and the issuance of a stay order suspending the operation of any such judgment, including the signing of a Stay Bond for the Town of Riverdale.

Passed and approved this 14th day of
November, A. D. 1951.


Mayor

Attest -


Town Clerk



Letter from July 5th 1905

July 2nd 05

W. B. Vandermere

March 11th 1905



A DON TURNER Photograph

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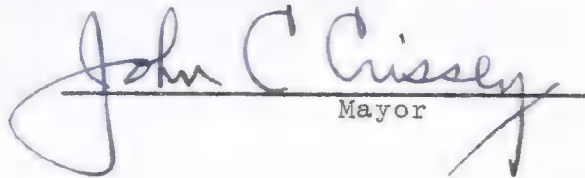
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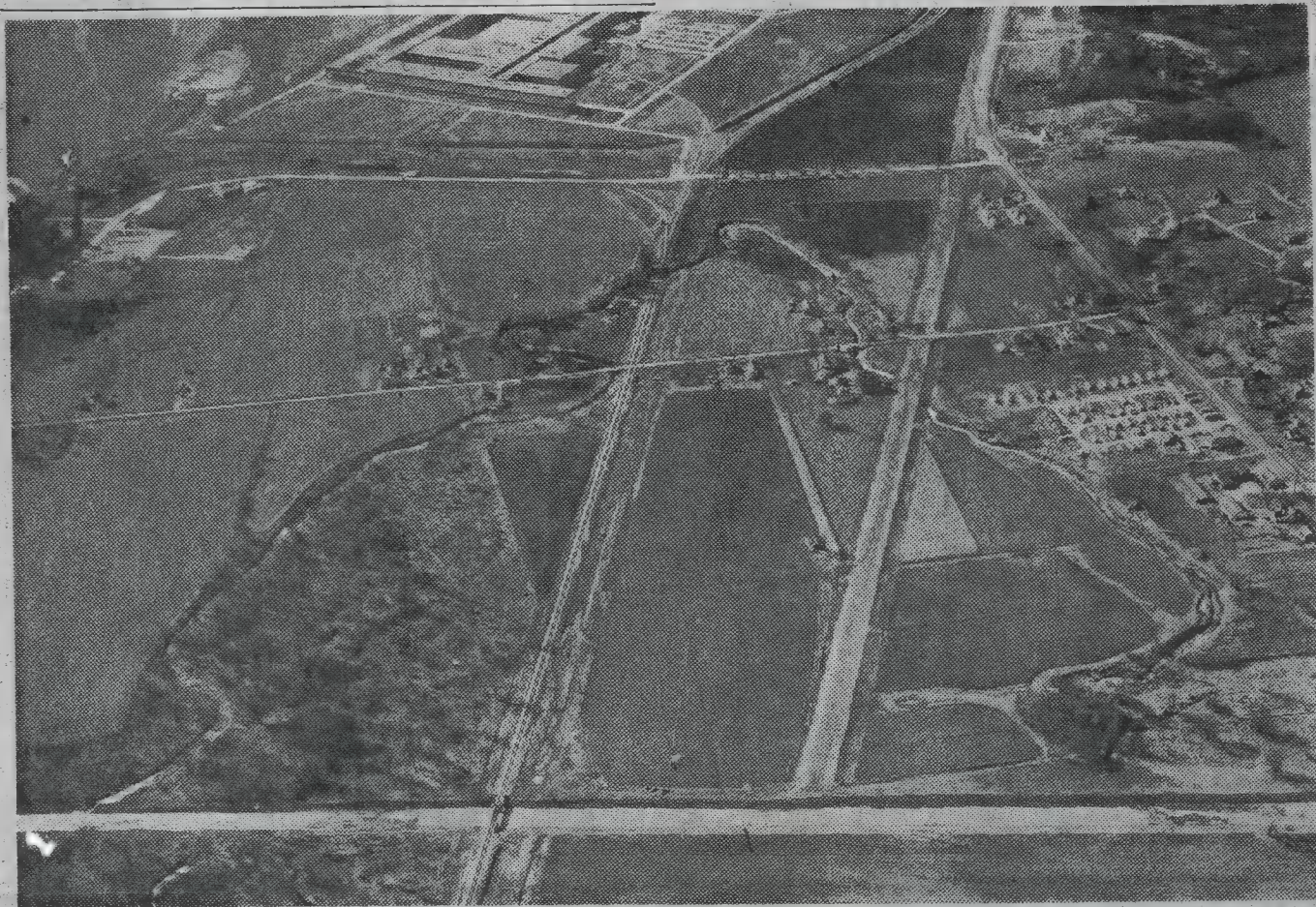
Attest -


Town Clerk

PHOTOGRAPHY
— By —
PHIL HUTCHISON

Feb. 11, 1954

PLEASE RETURN TO
CRISSEY



CROW CREEK CHANNEL—The new channel for Crow Creek to eliminate ice jams and resultant floods that plagued the neighborhood near the Mississippi River north of Davenport is shown in this photograph looking west. The new straight channel or cut is the white line running horizontal across the lower part of the picture. The old winding channel is seen looping toward the west and returning to the new channel where it formerly entered the river. Crossing the new channel is the new railroad bridge of the Davenport, Rock Island & Northwestern Railroad. To the right, and extending from the four-lane section of Highway No. 67, is the fill for the new highway which will eliminate the narrow and curving road now in use. Portion of the Alcoa plant is shown at upper left. (Times Photo by Phil Hutchison)

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION
RIVERDALE SCHOOL
MAY 25, 1955

PROGRAM

Musical Interlude Mrs. Lyle Mercer
Nominational Prayer Mendelssohn
Invocation Rev. Lyle Borger
The Lord's Prayer Mrs. Catherine Thul
Speaker Charles Peppenheimer,
Principal, Bettendorf High School
Invocation Mrs. Catherine Thul
Class of 1954 Lucille Hass,
President of Class
Presentation of Diplomas .. David Gilchrist,
President Board of Education
Devotion Rev. Lyle Borger
Musical Interlude Mrs. Lyle Mercer
Reception

Class Colors Blue and White

Class Motto "Be the Best of Whatever
You Are"

Graduates: Carolyn Borger
Creta Dowell
Priscilla Fosdyck
Lucille Hass
Thomas Haygood
Edward Ruffin

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STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FIVE RURAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS
OF PLEASANT VALLEY TO THE RESIDENTS OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP REGARDING THE
PROPOSED SCHOOL TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION.

For some time it had been apparent to us that school facilities in Pleasant Valley were inadequate. It was also felt that this situation could be remedied by reorganizing the five Pleasant Valley Rural Independent School Districts into a single unit. Accordingly, December 28, 1955 petitions were submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools requesting him to call an election to decide whether or not the five existing districts should be reorganized into the Pleasant Valley Township School District. Nine hundred fifty-four (954) of the 1097 legal voters signed the petitions.

According to the Code of Iowa, after petitions have been filed, the County Superintendent is required by law to call such an election. However, in spite of the law, the County Superintendent refused. He based his refusal on his contention that he had no such power. He then asked for and received an Attorney General's opinion on the matter and was supported in his contention by this opinion.

Upon the advice of legal counsel, we, the presidents of the school boards of the five Pleasant Valley Rural Independent School Districts, instituted proceedings in court to compel the County Superintendent to call the election as required by law. This case was tried in the District Court on May 8, 1956. On May 15, the Court issued an order of mandamus commanding the County Superintendent of Schools to call the election.

From a letter he wrote our attorneys and from his statements to the press, the County Superintendent gave the impression that his only objection to calling the election was that he had no legal power to do so. The decision

of the court said that not only did he have the power but also that he was required to call the election under the law. The court's decision, of course, supersedes any ruling by the Attorney General.

Despite the court order, the County Superintendent still will not call the election. Instead, he has appealed the case to the Iowa Supreme Court. According to recent newspaper stories, the County Superintendent has changed his reasons for not calling the election. Now he alleges that formation of the Pleasant Valley School Township would jeopardize the county plan for school reorganization in Scott County. It is our observation that the so-called county plan is a nebulous thing. We are aware of no practical solution which it offers for our school problems. Furthermore, there is nothing in Iowa law which prevents a school township, such as we propose, from being included in a county plan which provides for larger school districts. The unification of the five districts in Pleasant Valley Township is a forward step in school reorganization and will not jeopardize a county plan in any way.

The County Superintendent of Schools has said that our proposed reorganization should have been undertaken according to another method provided by law--the community school district method. Prior to petitioning for a school township, this method was given careful consideration. The decision to form a school township was made because it provides for equal representation on the new school board from all present districts and because, in voting on this proposal, the entire township votes as a single unit. Under the community method, each district votes independently, and only those districts voting for the proposal are included. Furthermore, under the community method, the approval of the County Board is required. Our original fear that the County Board was hostile to our reorganization has been confirmed by its willingness to finance the Superintendent's appeal from the District Court decision.

If it were not clear before, it should be now that the County Superintendent's real reason for not calling the election was not the method by which we propose to reorganize, but the result of that reorganization.

Only a few weeks ago permission was given by the Board and the Superintendent to five Scott County and two Muscatine County school districts to reorganize. The combined school population of those seven districts is little more than one-half that of the five districts in Pleasant Valley. We can think of no valid reason why the County Board and the County Superintendent encourage and approve the reorganization of a larger district in one part of the county, and, at the same time, go far out of their way to discourage the same thing in another part of the county. We are compelled to assume that a "county plan" happens to be whatever suits the County Board's and the County Superintendent's fancy at the moment.

Our decision to reorganize into a township school district remains firm. Iowa law has given us this right. We feel certain we will be substantiated by the Supreme Court, just as we were by the District Court. We are concerned, however, that one man has placed himself above the law and at his discretion can flaunt the will of the overwhelming majority of the people in Pleasant Valley Township.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Delbert Blunk
David Gilchrist
Ed Tinker
Herbert Moeller
Wayne Kerr

Riverdale

School



1955

1956

RIVERDALE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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We who teach in the school and in the home hold in
our control the greatest power of this atomic age---
The hearts and minds of our children!

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The regular P.T.A. meetings are held the second
Tuesday of each month in the school auditorium at
7:30 P.M.

The December meeting will be one week late, bringing
our program closer to Christmas -- Date: December 20th

RIVERDALE P.T.A. OFFICERS

President- - - - Mrs. James Proctor- - - 5-2026
Vice President - - Mrs. Lyle Wingert - - - 5-2859
Secretary- - - - Mrs. Raymond Connelly - 5-2046
Treasurer- - - - Mrs. Boyd Keller- - - 5-0077

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SCHOOL DIRECTORS

President
David E. Gilchrist

Lyle Wingert
Mrs. Inez Shenk
Mrs. Walter Bell, Sec.

Herman Tushaus, Treas.
Harry P. Paulsen
John O. Rock

RIVERDALE SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Principal		Mr. Edward D. Fauble
Kindergarten		Mrs. Carroll Dawson
First Grade		Mrs. William Petersen
Second Grade		Miss Margaret Good
Third Grade		Mrs. G. A. Myhran
Fourth Grade		Mrs. John Mason
Fifth & Sixth Grades	(A.M.)	Mrs. E. C. Miller
	(P.M.)	Mrs. Carroll Dawson
Seventh & Eighth Grades		
	(A.M.)	Mr. Edward D. Fauble
	(P.M.)	Mrs. E. C. Miller
Music - Tuesday & Friday all day -		Mrs. Jane McMurphy

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STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM	Miss Margaret Good	2-4791
	Mrs. Lyle Wingert	5-2859
MEMBERSHIP & HOSPITALITY	Mrs. Walter Bell	5-1075
	Mrs. George Getty	5-2059
BUDGET AND FINANCE	Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Mercer	5-0622
ROOM MOTHER & HOSTESSES	Mrs. Clyde Shenk	5-0026
PARENT EDUCATION	Mrs. Matt Forman	5-1120
PUBLICITY	Mrs. Carrol Dawson	5-0105
	Mrs. Wallace Bloomer	5-0012
MAGAZINES	Mrs. E. C. Miller	5-0178
PATROL	Mr. Edward D. Fauble	5-0486
HEALTH	Mrs. Irvin Graham	5-0132
HISTORIAN	Mrs. Kenneth Sheridan	5-0027
FACULTY	Mr. Edward D. Fauble	5-0486
LEGISLATIVE	Mrs. David E. Gilchrist	5-2517

RIVERDALE SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION PROGRAM
FOR THE YEAR 1955-1956

"Our Aim is to Obtain Better Homes - Better Schools
and Better Communities."

SEPTEMBER 13, 1955 "Let's Get Acquainted"
Reception for Principal and Teachers
Introduction of School Board
Comments by Mr. Edward Fauble, Principal

OCTOBER 11, 1955 "We Must Keep Them Safe"
Speaker -- Mr. James Holmes of Annie Witten-
meyer Home
Topic -- "Heredity Versus Environment"

NOVEMBER 8, 1955 OPEN HOUSE
"Know and Understand Your School"
Panel of parents and teachers discussing the
Why's and Wherefore's of every day school
problems and pleasures. Moderator:
Mr. Edward Fauble

DECEMBER 20, 1955

"It's Christmas"

Take some tinsel, shiny balls,
Angels - two or three,
Hang them on a shapely spruce-
That's a Christmas tree!
Take some generous, loving thoughts,
Sing to all may hear it,
Wreath your door, rejoice in heart-
That's the Christmas spirit!

Christmas program by Riverdale School Students
Santa will come and distribute P.T.A. treats
to all children in the school district.

JANUARY -- Meeting will be omitted

FEBRUARY 14, 1956

"Reflections for the Future"

Introduction and accomplishments of our past
presidents. Narrator -- Mrs. Dorteia Petersen

MARCH 13, 1956

"Let's Compare our Way of Life"

Speaker - Mrs. John Wiese, Japanese War Bride
Topic - Experiences and comparisons of life in
America and Japan.

PARENT EDUCATION MEETINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Oct. 20	Answers to Questions about Reading
Nov. 17	A report on Report Cards
Dec. 15	New Viewpoints on Discipline
Jan. 19	World-size Problems on Child-size Shoulders?
Feb. 16	Is "Gang-busting" Wise?
Mar. 15	Kindling the Creative Spark
Apr. 20	Junior Achievers in the Family
May 17	The Secret Life of School Children
Time:	9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Topics for discussion are taken from the National
Parent-teacher magazine for the previous month.

RIVERDALE SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 29	School Begins
September 5	Labor Day Holiday
October 7	End of first six-week period (29 days)
Nov. 3 - 4	I.S.E.A. State Teachers Convention
November 23	End of second six-week period (32 days)
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 22	School dismissed at 3:15 for Christmas
January 3	Classes resume
January 13	End of third six-week period (28 days)
February 24	End of fourth six-week period (30 days)
March 30 to	
April 2	Easter Vacation
April 6	End of fifth six-week period (28 days)
May 23	End of sixth six-week period (32 days)

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept. 7	Coffee Hour - Mrs. Matt Forman, Chairman
October 22	Riverdale Frolic - Mrs. Harold Haygood
Week of May 15	- Graduation - Committee

HOSTESSES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS

September 13, 1955	Members of Executive Committee
October 11, 1955	Teachers
November 8, 1955	Fourth Grade Mothers
December 20, 1955	Fifth and Sixth Grade Mothers
January, 1956	Meeting omitted
February 14, 1956	Seventh and Eighth Grade Mothers
March 13, 1956	Kindergarten and First Grade Mothers
April 10, 1956	Second Grade Mothers
May 8, 1956	Third Grade Mothers

ROOM MOTHERS

Kindergarten	Mrs. Frank Raymie
	Mrs. Donald Haggerty
First Grade	Mrs. Lyle Mercer
	Mrs. Robert Burke
Second Grade	Mrs. Irwin Graham
	Mrs. Wade Stickler
Third Grade	Mrs. Boyd Keller
	Mrs. James Metcalf
Fourth Grade	Mrs. Lloyd Tucker
	Mrs. Paul Griswold
Fifth Grade	Mrs. Charles Hoots
	Mrs. Clifford Oppelt
Sixth Grade	Mrs. Kenneth Sheridan
	Mrs. William Harvey
Seventh Grade	Mrs. George Getty
	Mrs. David Gilchrist
Eighth Grade	Mrs. Raymond Connelly
	Mrs. Lyle Wingert

RIVERDALE SCHOOL TIME SCHEDULE

8:30 Teachers are in the building
Children are permitted on the grounds
8:40 Teachers are in their rooms
8:55 First Bell (Pupils line up)
9:00 Tardy Bell (Classes begin)
Recess Begins
10:30 Recess Ends
10:40 Kindergarten dismissed
11:30 1st Grade passes to lunch room
11:45 2nd Grade passes to lunch room
11:48 3rd Grade passes to lunch room
11:51 4th Grade passes to lunch room
11:54 5th and 6th Grade pass to lunch room
11:57 7th and 8th Grade pass to lunch room
12:00 Lunch pupils go to playground
12:15 Teachers are in their rooms
12:30 Bell (Pupils line up)
12:35 Recess begins
2:00 Recess ends
2:10 Regular dismissal time
3:20 Teachers may leave the building
3:45

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS

700 N. RUSH ST.

CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

State Office: 317 Shops Building, Des Moines, Iowa

ALL-INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP CARD

NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL, 1955-1956



This certifies that

Mr. J. C. Cressy

(Name)

(Town)

IS A MEMBER OF THE *Lincoln P.T.A.*
A UNIT OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS AND THAT ALL ANNUAL DUES
HAVE BEEN PAID.

MRS. ROLLIN BROWN
National President

MRS. HAROLD HONOHAN
State President

Mrs. J. R. Proctor
President of the Local Association

10-8-55
Date of payment

OBJECTS

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

TOTAL P.T.A. MEMBERSHIP
9,409,282

MEMBERSHIP DUES

National 5 cents per capita

State *20*

Local *25*

(over)



NOTICE
OF SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Public notice hereby is given to the qualified voters of the Township of Pleasant Valley in the County of Scott, State of Iowa, that a special school election has been called and ordered to be held in Rural Independent School Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Pleasant Valley Township in Scott County in the State of Iowa on the 7th day of January, 1957.

At said election there will be submitted to the voters of said school districts, to be by them voted upon, the following proposition:

Shall Rural Independent School Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Pleasant Valley Township in the County of Scott, State of Iowa, be erected into a school township to be known as The School Township of Pleasant Valley, in the County of Scott, State of Iowa?

The usual places for the holding of township elections have been designated as the polling places for said special school election and are as follows:

For Rural Independent School Districts Nos. 1 and 5 - Pleasant Valley Fire Station

For Rural Independent School Districts Nos. 2, 3 and 4 - Riverdale Fire Station.

The polls for said election will be open from 12 o'clock noon until 7 o'clock P.M., on January 7, 1957.

The Scott County Iowa Superintendent of Schools has appointed Wayne E. Kerr, Herbert Moeller, Edwin B. Tinker, David E. Gilchrist and Delbert E. Blunk as commissioners to hold said election and do all things necessary therefor, including the printing of ballots, the preparation of polling places and the posting of notices of such election.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Iowa 1954 Code Section 274.36.

Dated December 24, 1956.

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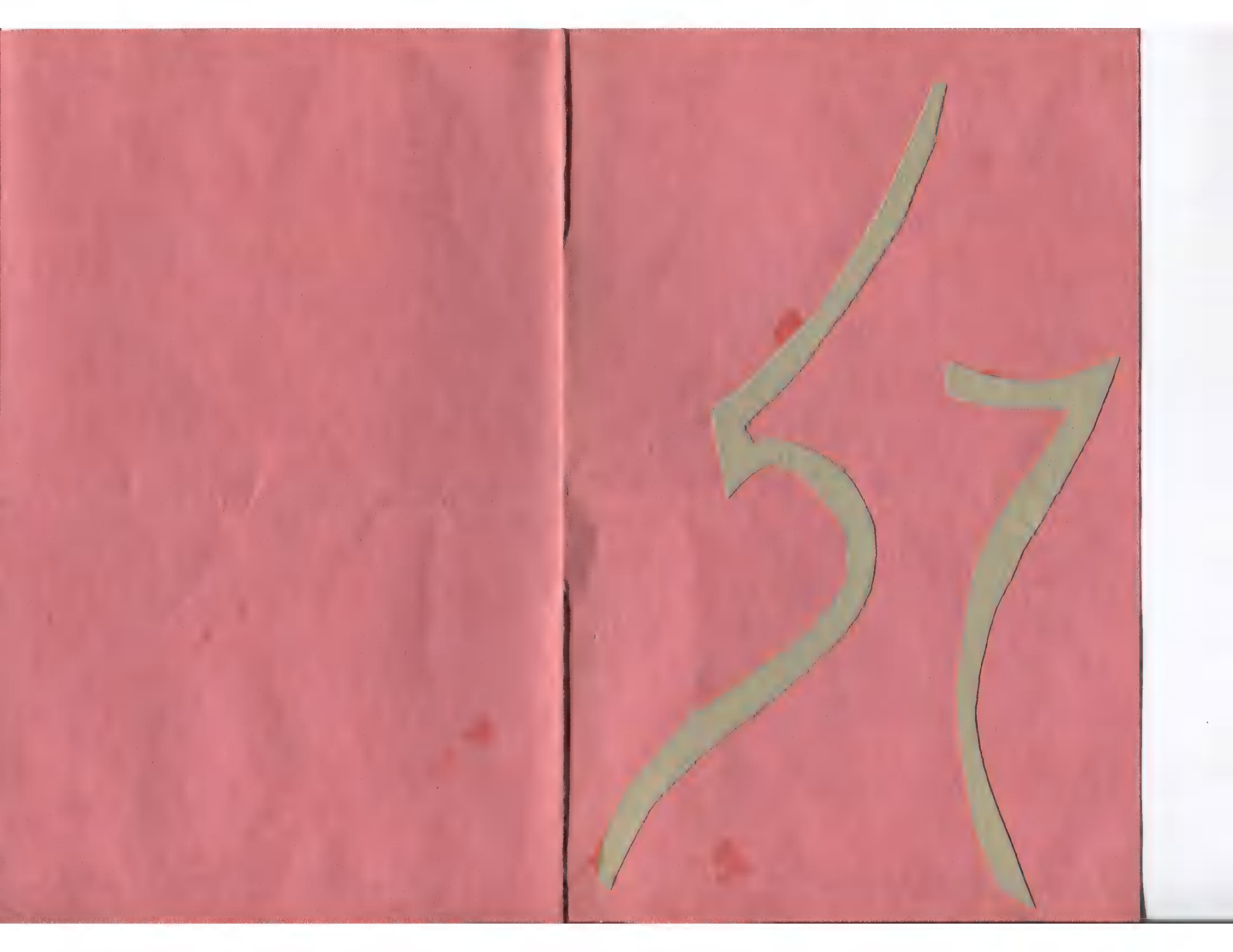
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NEW PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Voters in the newly formed Pleasant Valley school district Monday elected five directors to serve on the school board.

Elected to one year terms were L. H. Benesh, District No. 1; Richard Schwarz, District No. 2; Robert Ofner, District No. 3; David Gilchrist, District No. 4 (Riverdale); and Delbert Blunk, District No. 5.

Both Gilchrist and Blunk were presidents of the existing school boards.

School officials said the vote turnout was "heavier than in most recent board elections".

The new district was created by voters several weeks ago after lengthy litigation which finally ended in the Iowa Supreme Court.

Voters in each of the five sub-districts will ballot again March 11 to elect individual school board members. They will go out of office when the new five member board is formally installed.

Gilchrist said no meeting date for the new board has yet been set.

Closest race for a seat on the new board was in District No. 1. Benesh polled 107 votes to 92 for Joe Ackerman.

Gilchrist and Blunk were both elected without opposition.

ON GOOD TEACHERS

There is an understandable tendency to measure progress in material terms--in the size and number of the buildings we erect rather than in terms of those who use them...No one questions the critical need for new classroom construction... But an even more critical need is that of getting and keeping qualified teachers. As President Fussy of Harvard said recently, "Classrooms in which there are teachers with no exceptional gifts are places merely to keep young people, not to educate them." At the present time, our problem is even more serious than that. We are rapidly reaching the time when we shall have classrooms with no teachers at all in them.

To increase the supply of good teachers three basic considerations must be kept in mind:

1. The prestige and status of teaching must be comparable to other professions within the community.
2. The salary structure must be high enough and flexible enough to compete effectively with other fields bidding for quality manpower.
3. The teacher's job must be so defined as to challenge and attract the interest of talented people.

Richard M. Nixon

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JIM SHENK STANDING IN FRONT OF IOWANA FARM BARNs. PICTURE TAKEN BEFORE JUNE 30, 1957 WHEN THE LAST BARN WAS RAIZED.

ANTICIPATED COSTS

Bond Issue — \$1,900,000 payable in twenty equal payments yearly at an interest rate not to exceed 4%.

Millage rate necessary to meet the first payment—not to exceed 4.5 mills.

Sample Costs for First Year

A house & lot with a taxable value of \$16,000	\$72.00
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A house & lot with a taxable value of \$3,500	15.75
A house & lot with a taxable value of \$1,200	5.40
An 80-acre farm with \$3,000 personal property in equipment & livestock @ \$11,000	49.50
A 160-acre farm with \$3,000 personal property in equipment & livestock @ \$17,000	76.50

Polling Place Riverdale School
Date August 27, 1957
Polls open and close 12 Noon to 7 P.M.
Majority needed..... 60% of the valid ballots
cast must approve

VOTE YES ☒ AUGUST 27, 1957

A MESSAGE

to the

PARENTS and TAXPAYERS

of the Pleasant Valley School District



PROPOSED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

VOTE

FOR

A BETTER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
BETTER SCHOOL FACILITIES
A TWELVE GRADE SCHOOL SYSTEM
FOR THIS DISTRICT

VOTE YES



in the bond election
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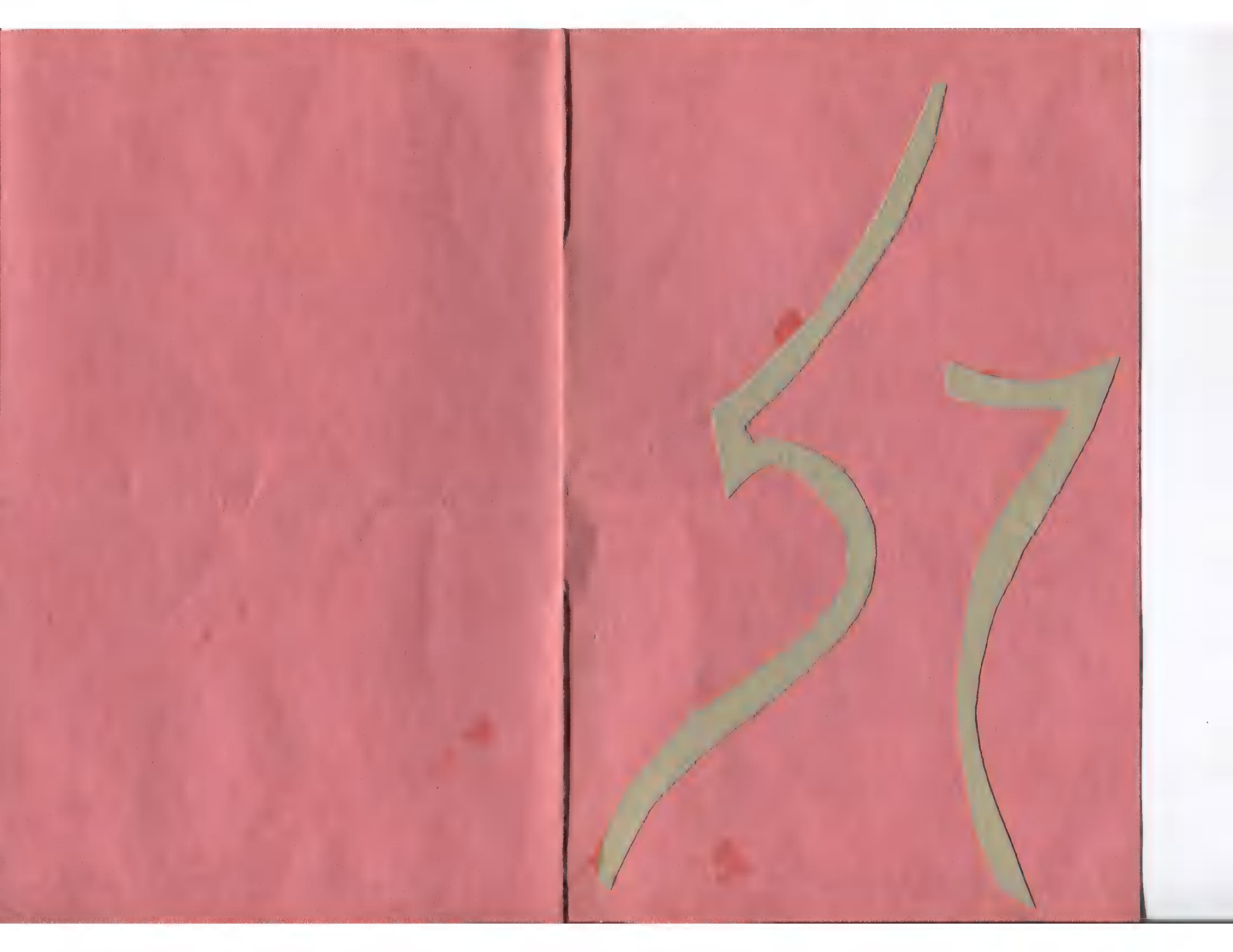
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During the past three months more than 40 meetings have been held to explain and discuss the proposed reorganization of the Scott County Schools. At these meetings many questions were asked and answered. However, some confusion still exists and many misleading statements have been made concerning the proposed school organization. With this in mind the Citizens Committee fostering the Scott County Plan for School Reorganization has prepared this bulletin presenting their views on the most often asked questions.

(Q) What does reorganization mean?

School reorganization, as the word implies, is the changing of several small school districts into a larger, more effective district. It is not to be confused with the consolidated school district. The consolidated school district centers the children of a small area into one school building. The reorganized district is responsible for the education of children in any number of school buildings.

A recent U. S. government survey pointed out that reorganized school units (if large enough) offers a much more effective educational program at a more effective cost than do other types of school organization.

(Q) Who formulated the proposed reorganization plan?

Section 273.13, Par. 12, of the School Law of Iowa, (1951) directs the County Board of Education to: "Plan and supervise the orderly reorganization of districts, by union, merger, or centralization, into large and more effective attendance and administrative units."

The Scott County Board of Education, in carrying out its responsibility under this law, first met with citizens throughout the county asking for their suggestions. The Board then caused to be formed a Lay Committee, numbering among its members, citizens representing the various sections of Scott County. This committee, working in conjunction with the County Board, thoroughly studied our school problems over a period of approximately two years. The outcome of this study is the proposed school reorganization plan for Scott County.

(Q) Why are small school districts considered ineffective and unsound?


The White House conference on rural education presented three reasons:

1. They result in excessively high per pupil cost.
2. They usually offer very limited and restricted instructional opportunities.
3. The teachers are usually not adequately trained to deal with the complicated problems of teaching in small schools.

(Q) What are the advantages of a larger district?


There are many advantages:

1. Our present district could not possibly build an adequate high school. The unit district could.
2. An optimum sized unit would make it possible to offer your child the type of education he deserves at an economical cost.
3. The larger unit can be more efficiently operated than smaller districts.
4. Equal educational opportunities will be offered all children in the unit. This is regardless of where they live or what their parents' occupation may be.
5. The new unit could make better use of what we may have. We now have schools in one district closed, while in another district, a few miles away, schools are overcrowded. We now have children going to a school 3 or 4 miles from their home — while another school in a different district is only a mile from where the children live. Through the new unit, equalized educational load and distance traveled could be accomplished.
6. Only through one centralized planning body can we hope for the over-all improvement of our school and equal educational opportunity for all of the children in the county. This planning is relatively impossible when dealing with 44 independent school districts. However, a single board, responsible for all of the children of the unit, can do the job.
7. A unit school district is not new. It has proved itself as the most effective type of school organization.



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(Q) Do any other states have single school units that include all or most of an entire county?

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There is another aspect to this problem. In many states "Riverdales" are not permitted to shirk their responsibility. Adequate state laws insure that industrial tax wealth is shared for the common good of all school children. It is only a matter of time until the Iowa Legislature awakens to its duty and corrects this unfair situation.

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It is interesting to note that the feeling that the proposed unit will discourage new industry from coming to Scott County does not appear to be voiced by the mothers or fathers who have children in the schools we hope to improve.

(Q) Does industry have a responsibility to education?

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(Q) What steps must be taken to form a single unit?

Essentially three steps:

1. Petitions must be signed by at least one third of the total eligible voters in the proposed unit to bring this issue to a vote.
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(Q) Does the County Board feel that the rural children should have educational opportunities equal to children living in the city of Davenport?

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Your County Board of Education, as directed by state law (School Law Sec. 273.13) has fostered a plan to reorganize our school districts into a larger more efficient unit. The sole purpose of this plan is to offer your child the type of education he deserves. The County Board with the aid of the Lay Committee representing all areas from Scott County have met their responsibility to your children by formulating and fostering the Scott County plan for reorganization. The future of this plan and of the educational opportunities offered to your child, is your responsibility. In this crusade for better schools, we must all be informed, and we must all be active.

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If you have any further questions about the proposed school reorganization plan please call your County Superintendent of Schools or a member of the Scott County Citizens Committee. This committee has representatives available to meet with any interested group to discuss the proposed school program. You may request the services of the committee by calling the office of the County Superintendent of Schools.

RIVERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT – SUMMER 1958
PHIL GOETTSCH







RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

1st Row, I. Owen, W. Wurtz, I. Graham, A. Everson, J. Crissey, P. Goettsch;
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August 1960

Paula McIntosh
City Clerk of Riverdale

November 6, 2009

I am sending you copies of each page of the book I have referencing either Iowana or Col. French. As you can tell, the book is very thick, about an inch and a quarter.

This book is my personal book and belonged to my father. I used to be a Holstein breeder in Illinois and Wisconsin and no I never lived in Riverdale, but actually was driving through Davenport when my daughter told me the letter had arrived.

I have a great love of the history of the breed which is full of stories of industrialist who owned herds like Col. French, Maytag of Newton Iowa, Carnation Farms and Elmwood Farms belonging to RV Rasmussen of National Tea. In fact I was just at Winterthur Delaware looking at the barns that were the home of the DuPonts herd.

The book is *HOLSTEIN-FRESIAN History, Diamond Jubilee Edition* Copyright 1960 by Holstein-Fresian World, Inc of Sandy Creek, NY. It was printed by The Corse Press, Inc also of Sandy Creek.

The Holstein World still exists as a publication and may also be of some help.
I actually found Riverdale by trying to locate Iowana by satellite photo.

The history in this book would be a great addition to the history of Riverdale.
I really would not like to part with mine.

I quit farming 30 years ago and own a semi truck dealership outside of Los Angeles.

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TORNADO'S OF 1966 AND 79

SEVERAL HOMES WERE DAMAGED WHEN THE TORNADO OF APRIL 1966, CAME THROUGH RIVERDALE. IN ADDITION TO THE ROOF AND HOUSE DAMAGE PICTURED, A CHIMNEY FROM THE HOME OF MR. JONES CAME INTO THE HOME OF MR HOLST AND LANDED ON A BED.

THE AUGUST 1979, TORNADO DID DAMAGE HOMES BUT NOT ANY WHERE NEAR THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE DONE IN 1966.



THE BACK YARD OF THE PARO HOME AFTER THE WIND STORM. THE PILE AT LEFT SHOWS WHERE THE GARAGE WAS BEFORE THE STORM.



THE PARO FAMILY HOME AFTER LOSING ITS
ROOF IN THE WIND STORM OF 1966.

STORM DAMAGE AT THE DOHERTY HOME, 1966.



TORNADO – 1966

Doherty
Home



Scholz
Home

Jones
Home



Paro Home





